

**Happy Birthday to Clete Conrad (4/2), Marion Beyeler (4/3), Liz Snyder (4/4) and James Owen (4/7) who have birthdays this week!**  
Please remember these friends by sending a card or offering a special prayer of thanks for them.

**Coming Events:**

April 9	Community Discipleship Meeting, 7 pm
April 14	Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale Kick-Off Meeting at Salem Mennonite Church (Kidron), 6:30 pm
April 15	Worship – Dan & Jeanne Jantzi preaching
April 29	Fifth Sunday Mission Offering
May 6	Worship – Lidia Zehr preaching

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# Orrville Mennonite Church

1305 West Market Street – Phone (330) 682-5801 – Orrville, Ohio 44667

Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018

“We are dedicated to loving God and loving people”

**To the Glory of God and through the power of the Holy Spirit**, it is our mission to be a loving community of believers who intentionally further God's Kingdom by going out and loving all people, sharing the good News of Jesus Christ and making disciples.

## Welcome

**Prelude** *Low in the Grave He Lay* WB 273 (a cappella)  
(congregation join in on chorus, verses 2 and 3)

Men's Quartet: Doug Fisher, Mike Hartzler, Xan and Bill Seymour

**Singing** *The Strife is O'er* WB 263 (a cappella) (intro part by Quartet)  
*Christ the Lord is Risen Today* WB 280 (a cappella)

**Scripture** Isaiah 25.6-9

## Confession

Leader: God of life, in you, death has no power.

**People: Because of you, this life is not our final end.**

**Thank you.**

L: It feels good to celebrate new life, yours and ours.

It's spring. We long to throw off the heavy blankets of winter and bask in the sun.

**P: We confess that, just as some folks would like to skip winter, there are times when we want to skip the whole crucifixion story and jump straight to the resurrection.**

L: And yet there are other times when death feels more real than life.

When we see an empty tomb,

it is easy to despair,

and it seems futile to hope.

We hear stories of people who claim to have seen you alive;

we want to believe, but struggle.

**P: Forgive us for not recognizing you,  
for doubting our fellow believers,  
and for trying to hold you back.**

*(turn and face the persons across the aisle)*

**ALL: The Lord is our strength and our might;**

**he has become our salvation.**

**We are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to our Living God!**

**Response Song** *Jesus Paid It All*



**Greeters Today** Virg and Kathy Troyer, Fae Miller  
**Next Sunday** Norm and Sandy Sohar, Sherm and LaVonne Amstutz  
**Elder Greeter Today** Marilyn Kamp  
**Next Sunday** Lidia Zehr

**Worship Nursery Today** Jan Kauffman  
**Next Sunday** Mim Wenger

**Coffee Hospitality Today** Stan and Marilyn Kamp  
**Next Sunday** Allison Seymour

**Last Sunday (March 25)**

Ministry Spending Plan: \$1,312.00	Weekly MSP Needed: \$3,054.79
Partnership Plan: \$100.00	Weekly PP Needed: \$897.35
Mennonite Mission Network: \$100.00	Land: \$100.00
Vidanet: \$500.00	Other \$8.70

**Thank you so much for the prayers, visits, cards, and loving thoughts** during the illness and passing of Melvin. Thanks also for the wonderful luncheon and those who made it possible. You are all very much appreciated! Sincerely, Lois, Shari and Scott

**Our Spring Congregational Meeting** is this Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Please prepare by reading the agenda, financial update and minutes and plan to attend!

**Next Sunday we have the privilege of hosting Doug Hostetter and Thien Tran for our Sunday School hour and Worship service.** You have two opportunities to join Mennonite Central Committee for stories of Vietnam with Doug Hostetter, current director of the MCC United Nations Office, and Thien Tran, Vietnamese intern in the MCC U.N. office. In light of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, Doug will share from his first-hand experiences in Vietnam as a conscientious objector with MCC and his subsequent work. Thien will also share about growing up after the war and the legacy it left behind.

- Saturday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. at Kidron Mennonite Church Fellowship Building (3987 Kidron Rd., Kidron)
- Sunday, April 8 at 9:30 a.m. (Sunday School) & 10:30 a.m. (Sermon) at Orrville Mennonite Church (1305 W. Market St., Orrville)

**MCC SWAP** is looking for people to serve as: Meal Coordinator/Cook and Job Site Coordinator/Carpenter. Feel free to pass on the information to people who you think may have interest in serving with SWAP! Anyone 18 years old and above (retired adults are very welcomed) is eligible to apply. Peter and Louisa Pirozzi-Erb – SWAP Hindman Location Coordinators, PO Box 157, Hindman, KY 41822 Phone: [606-785-0552](tel:606-785-0552)  
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**Orrville Mennonite Church Daily Devotions**  
**Week ending with Sunday, April 8, 2018**

Day One     Read Luke 24.13-49  
              Why did their hearts burn?

Day Two     Read Acts 4.32-35  
              How did the first believers act?

Day Three    Read Psalm 133  
              Talk to someone about loving fellowship today – how important this is  
              and how helpful it is for you.

Day Four     Read 1 John 1.1-2.2  
              What was revealed?

Day Five     Read John 20.19-31  
              Who forgives? What does verse 20.23 mean?

**“Love Step Prayer”**

This prayer is undergoing some possible revision. This week, we test another modification. Pray this daily and as you go through your day, look for how God might be answering...

*Lord, open my eyes to see when you put me in front of someone and then push me to meet them with love where they are. Help us to learn from each other and walk together in a way that we can both grow closer to Christ where you send us.*

## **Jesus Paid It All**

I hear the Savior say  
Thy strength indeed is small  
Child of weakness watch and pray  
Find in Me thine all in all

Chorus

'Cause Jesus paid it all  
All to Him I owe  
Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow

Verse 2

Lord now indeed I find  
Thy pow'r and Thine alone  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone

Chorus

Oh praise the One Who paid my debt  
And raised this life up from the dead (repeat)

Verse 3

And when before the throne  
I stand in Him complete  
Jesus died my soul to save  
My lips shall still repeat

Chorus

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## **Beautiful Things**

Verse 1

All this pain  
I wonder if I'll ever find my way  
I wonder if my life could really change  
At all

Verse 2

All this earth  
Could all that is lost ever be found  
Could a garden come up from this ground  
At all

Chorus

You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of the dust  
You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of us

Verse 3

All around  
Hope is springing up from this old ground  
Out of chaos life is being found  
In You

Chorus (twice)

You make me new You are making me new  
You make me new You are making me new

Chorus (twice)

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### **Alive / Glory**

Who but You  
Could breathe and leave a trail of galaxies  
And dream of me  
What kind of love  
Is writing my story 'til the end  
With mercy's pen  
Only You

Verse 2

What kind of King  
Would choose to wear a crown that bleeds and scars  
To win my heart  
What kind of love  
Tells me I'm the reason He can't stay  
Inside the grave  
You is it You  
Standing here before my eyes  
Ev'ry part of my heart cries

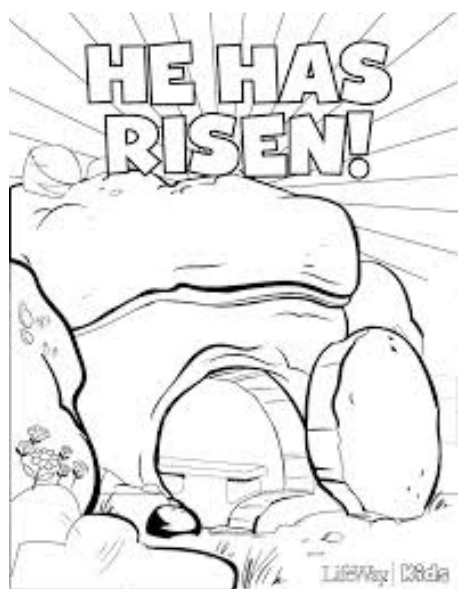
### **Chorus**

Alive alive  
Look what mercy's overcome  
Death has lost and love has won  
Alive alive  
Hallelujah risen Lord  
The only One I fall before; I am His because He is alive

## Prayer Concerns & Praises for Week of April 1, 2018

- **That God would be glorified and that lives would be transformed** in every aspect of Orrville Mennonite Church.
- **Elder Council, Pastor and Ministry Team leaders, Grow Groups**
- **Mennonite Church USA *Journey Forward: Embracing God's hope for MCUSA*** – prayers for those participating in this 2-year visioning process.
- **Ohio Mennonite Conference** – prayers as we as a Conference follow through on plans and decisions made at Annual Conference Assembly.
- **SWAP Ministry/Pete & Lou Erb** – **urgent need for summer staff!**
- **Upanga Mennonite Church, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.** Please pray for Pastor Abner Mathube and for God to multiply this congregation.
- **Youth who connect with us through WINGS, BreakAway and Axis YG**
- **Family of Mel Leidig** – continued prayers for Lois, Shari and Scott Holland as they grieve Mel's passing.
- **Our church neighbors**, whose family recently had a new baby (Felicia is the mom, Arianna is the new baby, born at 24 weeks).
- **Bob and Cheryl Phillips and their family** – prayers for all of them as they travel a long road of treatment for Bob's leukemia.
- **Kendri** – pray that the process of obtaining visas for three countries would go smoothly as he works to come to Bolivia for a term with YAMEN.
- **Joy Schrock – wife of Dean** (Sandy Sohar's and Kathy Troyer's father), continued prayers for recovery process.
- **Diane Hostetler's friend, Al** – continuing need for funds for cancer treatment; prayers for her as she deals with depression & discouragement
- **Jen Bixler's father, Aden Troyer** – continued prayers for recovery process.
- **Mim Wenger's cousin, Rose Emick** – receiving IV antibiotic treatment for MRSA staph infection.
- **Kara Shilling** – continuing in discipleship training
- **Lowell & Louise Bowers** – Lowell is at West View Healthy Living
- **Amos & Esther Muhagachi** and their family
- **Christi's friend, Karen Wayt**, as she undergoes treatment for cancer; prayers for she and her family as they journey together
- **Lance Almond**
- **Kara Shilling's friend, Keturah** – pain related to spina bifida.
- **Academia Menonita Betania in Puerto Rico** – sister school to Central Christian as they recover and rebuild after Hurricanes Irma and Maria.
- **Grace Geiser** (Brenn-Field), **Cathy Gable** (Orrville Pointe)
- **Sawsan Elateek and her children, Seif and Yassmine.**
- **Bill's sister Laurie**, who is primary caretaker for her father-in-law, brother-in-law, as well as daughter, **Amy**, struggling with deep psychological illness.
- **Mennonite Mission Network** – On this Easter Sunday, meditate on the words of Clarence Jordan, co-founder of Koinonia Farm in Georgia (a MMN SOOP placement): "The good news of the resurrection is not (only) that we shall die and go home to be with Jesus, but that He has Risen and comes home with us, bringing all his hungry, naked, thirsty, sick prisoner brothers and sisters with him."





Verse 3

Who could speak  
And send the demons back from where they came  
With just one Name  
What other heart would let itself  
Be broken ev'ry time 'til He healed mine  
You only You  
Could turn my darkness into dawn  
Running right into Your arms

**Chorus**

Emmanuel the promised King  
The Baby who made angels sing  
Son of Man who walked with us  
Healing breathing in our dust

The Author of all history  
The answer to all mysteries  
The Lamb of God who rolled away  
The stone in front of ev'ry grave

**Chorus** (twice)

Glory, Glory  
Let there be peace, let there be peace  
Singing Glory, Glory  
Let there be peace, let it start in me

Do not be afraid  
His love is strong enough to save us  
Nothing stands in the way  
His love is strong enough to lead us  
(REPEAT)

Glory, Glory  
Let there be peace, let there be peace  
Singing Glory, Glory  
Let there be peace, let it start in me

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## Sermon Notes for April 1, 2018

*Promises, Promises.* A look at the Covenants God has made with us.

### 1. **Covenant of Creation**

The Covenant of Creation with Adam and Eve is God saying, "I created you. I am in charge. You can trust me." Genesis 1, 2

### 2. **Covenant of Help for Sin**

This covenant is with Noah, following the Flood. Here, God is saying, "Rather than destroying you, I will help you with your sin problem." Rainbows are the sign of this covenant. Genesis 9.1-17

These first two covenants undergird all the others and are not contingent on certain behavior, social or economic status, race, creed, life styles, or opinions.

### 3. **Covenant of a Called-out People**

This covenant is with Abraham (Abram). Genesis 15.1-21

Humanity as a whole is choosing their own way over God's way, and God calls out a specific family to bless and through whom to bless the world.

This People of God receive a mark, an identifier. Circumcision is the physical sign that they are God's people, different than the world.

### 4. **Covenant of a Life Pattern**

This Covenant is with Moses. It reiterates the other covenants and also gives the people rules to follow – ways to live – a life pattern.

- a. The Foundations of these rules, (The Law) are what we know as The Ten Commandments.
- b. Jesus Summary of these rules (The Law) solidifies our understanding that God's whole Law is about relationships – Matthew 22.37b-40

**The People of God have both a mark and a life pattern that identify them as God's unique people.**

## **THERE IS A PROBLEM...**

**Our Pattern** becomes:

Covenant Breaking – we don't honor our promises

Barrier Building – we put walls up between us and God, demanding mediators

Sin and Separation – we choose our own way and walk away from God

Genesis 3, 10, 11, Exodus 20.19, 32.1+, 1 Samuel 8, 1 & 2 Kings, Jeremiah 3

## **HOWEVER...**

**God's Pattern** remains:

Covenant Honoring – God continues to honor God's promises

Barrier Jumping – God leaps over the barriers and becomes the mediator to bring us to himself.

Mercy and Reconciliation – God moves everything in order to reconcile the relationship we have broken by continually pushing God away.

Jeremiah 3.15-22a, 31.31-34, Isaiah 54.8-10, John 3.1-18, John 14.1-6

## **A New Covenant!!**

Rather than smiting us, God remembers the Covenant with Noah – Help for Sin, rather than Destruction of Humanity (Isaiah 54.8-10).

God becomes our mediator to reconcile us to himself.

Jesus dies for our sins and is raised from the dead.

John 3.1-21, 2 Corinthians 5.18, Ephesians 2.8-16, John 1.12, John 14.3, John 14.25-27, 1 Corinthians 11.23,

## **Covenant of Being Born Again**

Not just the People of God, but ALL people, are invited BACK into intimate relationship with God through Jesus.

Matthew 11.28-30, John 3.3-8, John 1.12, John 10.1-21, 2 Corinthians 5.11-21

This Rebirth puts us back in the direction of the first covenant. Creator and Creation in free and intimate relationship.

## **The Problem Doesn't Go Away That Easily**

Even with the Advent of Jesus, people weren't buying it.

Jesus was killed because what he offered would change power structures.

Jesus willingly took this death for all people.

Jesus was buried.

Acts 2.29-39, Hebrews 10.1-39,

## **HOWEVER...**

In the ultimate expression of God being in charge, death is broken once and for all, as Jesus is raised from the dead with power – and we his followers go where Jesus goes.

John 20.1-23, 1 Corinthians 15.1-58, Romans 8.1-11

## **What is our role in this New Covenant?**

**The Fourth Gospel Question:** Will I follow the Holy Spirit?

John 20.22-23 NET

...[The Risen Jesus] breathed on [the disciples] and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you retain anyone's sins, they are retained."

Galatians 5.14-16 NIV

14 For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." 15 If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. 16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.