



# EASTER

April 9, 2023

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## **OPENING TO GOD'S PRESENCE**

Prelude

Grounding Moment - *Risen: For Easter Day* by Jan Richardson

*"He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said."* Mt 28:6

**HYMN** *Low in the Grave He Lay* VT 333

Welcome

**Call to Worship** (written by Joanna Harader, Peace Mennonite Church)

Christ is Risen!

**CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!**

Hallelujah!

**ON THIS DAY WE CELEBRATE RESURRECTION.**

The power of life has overcome the power of death.

**HALLELUJAH!**

The light of love has shattered the darkness of fear.

**HALLELUJAH!**

The way of peace has prevailed against the violence of empire.

**HALLELUJAH!**

*We come to worship the God whose resurrection power  
lives on in the Christ we serve.*

*Hallelujah!*

**HYMN** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* VT 346

Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

Lighting the Peace Lamp & Praying for Christ's Peace to Rule in Our Hearts

**HYMN** *Now the Green Blade Rises* VT 353

## TELLING GOD'S STORY

Children's Time

Worship Music *Here is Love, Vast as the Ocean* . . . Music: Robert Lowry, arr. C. L. Bass  
Text: William Rees

Scripture Reading *Matthew 28:1-10*  
Sermon

Music for Meditation

## SHARING OUR STORIES

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer  
Announcements

## SENDING

HYMN *Thine Is the Glory* VT 355  
Benediction

Postlude ... remain seated to receive the postlude as a musical blessing for your Easter Sunday

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*Your offerings are received, with gratitude, in the offering box on the table at the back of the sanctuary. You can also now donate electronically on our website! Between now and the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, we will also be collecting coins in the buckets on the table and/or in the jug in the foyer!*

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Sound: Adam Pounds  
Livestream: Joel Iwashige  
Nursery Attendant: Julie Goering  
Ushers: Dohn & Jeanette Fast  
Organist: Pauline Buller  
Worship Leader: Maggie Pounds  
Scripture Reader: Pastor Tonya  
Children's Time: Adam Pounds  
Worship Music: Choir - Calvin Buller, director; Cathia Krehbiel, cellist  
Sermon: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

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# Welcome!

We are so glad you are here!!



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**Easter Lilies today celebrate the lives of friends  
we hold dear and of loved ones we hold in our memory**

**Sarah and Frank Blodgett**

In honor of close friendship with Esther Regier  
In memory of parents Paul and Dorothy Bowles,  
Ken and Evelyn Blodgett

**Cloris Enns**

In memory of Erwin Unruh

**Jean and Russ Gaeddert**

In memory of Anna Grace and Virgil Flickinger  
In memory of John Gaeddert

**Julie and Russell Goering**

In memory of Delores Goering  
In memory of A. Rebecca Nikkel

**Thea Klassen**

In memory of her husband Bill

**Deanna, Brian and Brandon Mace**

In memory of Jack Mace

**Verna Schrag**

In memory of Dale Schrag

**Bonnie Swenson**

In memory of her brothers, Craig and Jim Dickinson

**Marlene Thode**

In memory of Edward Thode