



Mary
at the Tomb – Frank
Wesley

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31, 2024

GATHERED INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude ... *as we fill the cross with flowers!*

Opening Sentences:

One: The Lord is risen!

ALL: *He is risen indeed!*

One: Christ is in the midst of us!

ALL: *He is, and ever shall be!*

CALL TO WORSHIP*

One: Come – new day has dawned,

ALL: the first day of a new creation!

One: Look up and see what God has done –

ALL: the stone is rolled away, once and for all!

One: Christ is going ahead of you

ALL: and we must share the good news!

Chancel Choir *He Has Risen* . . . Sharon Elery Rogers

Opening Prayer*

HYMN *Lift Your Glad Voices* VT 340

Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

ENCOUNTERING THE RISEN CHRIST

HYMN *Christ Who Left His Home in Glory* VT 361

Scripture Reading *Mark 16:1-8*

Children's Time

Chancel Choir *Sing To The Lord* . . . W. A. Mozart, arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Sermon

Music for Meditation

SHARING OUR STORIES

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

SENT TO FOLLOW CHRIST, WHO GOES BEFORE US

HYMN *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing* VT 359

Benediction*

Postlude *... receive the postlude as a musical blessing*

If you need a hearing assist device, please ask at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary. The Nursery is typically staffed with a volunteer care provider during worship (and Sunday School as needed). Children are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary! Worship bags with drawing/coloring materials are provided at the back of the sanctuary.

If you'd like to be added to our all-church email list to receive prayer requests and announcements (typically 2 emails/week), please contact the church office or Pastor Tonya.

Artwork on front of bulletin: Wesley, Frank, 1923-2002. Mary at the Tomb, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

*These words for worship written for BibleWorm by Rev. Teri Peterson.

Sound: Earl Ediger

Livestream: Jonathan Wenger

Ushers: Cheryl Warkentin, Marlene Thode

Nursery: Heidi Unruh

Musicians: Russell Goering, Pauline Buller, Chancel Choir, Calvin Buller, director

Worship Leader & Song Leader: Jon Miller

Scripture Reader: Sadie Pritchett, Heidi Unruh

Children's Time: Adam and Maggie Pounds

Sermon: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Jesus is going ahead of you — and when you go out into God's world with good news, you will see him there, just as he told you. So go in the power of the Spirit, trusting Christ's word, to live a resurrection life.

(Rev. Teri Peterson)

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.

Thank you for your generosity shown in many ways!

TODAY: Happy Easter!! After the service, please take flowers with you from the cross, using the vases provided.

Next Sunday, APRIL 7

FMC Senior Youth share in worship about their experience at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp Snow Camp.

10:45am-12:15pm Western District Conference (WDC) Listening Session with ALL youth and adults, in the basement fellowship hall. **This will include times of conversation in response to these questions from WDC about our ministries and hopes for the future:** 1. *What activities or ministries are most important for your congregation now in fully carrying out God's work?* 2. *What do you hope for the future for your church and what resources from WDC would be helpful for that?* **We encourage everyone to participate in this conversation**, led by representatives from WDC: Heidi Regier Kreider, Kathy Neufeld Dunn, and Wendy Funk Schrag. Responses from our discussion will be shared back with the congregation, and at the conclusion of the listening process a summary of themes will be compiled by WDC to share with WDC constituency and used to guide ongoing resourcing for congregations in WDC. **** Sunday School offered for pre-K-6th grade during the listening session. ****

INVITATION FROM BETHEL COLLEGE COMMUNITY

FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE: The Bethel College Community for Justice and Peace (BC CJP) is hosting a demonstration on Wednesday, April 3rd, at 7:00 PM in front of the Bethel College Administration Building to call for peace in the Middle East, particularly concerning the war in Gaza. You are all invited to attend.



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