



You Shall Be My Witnesses

April 7, 2024

GATHERED INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude ... *the chime is rung as a call to rest in God's presence*

Opening Sentences: Philippians 4:5b-7

The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

CALL TO WORSHIP*

One: Christ is risen —

All: **He is risen indeed!**

Now what?

One: Remember what he told us.

North: *Remember what he did.*

South: *Remember that he died...*

All: **And remember that wasn't the end of the story!**

One: He has appeared to Simon!

North: *He has appeared at the table!*

South: *He has appeared alongside us!*

All: **And he has both gifts and work still to give.**

One: Christ is risen —

All: **He is risen indeed!**

Opening Prayer*

HYMN *Praise Him, Praise Him* VT 100

Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

ENCOUNTERING THE RISEN CHRIST IN SCRIPTURE

HYMN *Although Our Lord Has Left Us* VT 366

Scripture Reading *Acts 1:1-14*

Meditation

HYMN *Take, O Take Me As I Am* VT 748 ... *repeat as a prayer*

SHARING OUR STORIES: 'Faith Fusion' Snow Camp @ Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp

Scripture Reading *Colossians 3:17; James 1:19-20*

Children's Time

Sharing

Song – *Build Your Kingdom Here* (by Rend Collective)

SHARING OUR STORIES: Prayers & Announcements

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

SENT TO FOLLOW CHRIST, WHO GOES BEFORE US

HYMN *I Love to Tell the Story* VT 761

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.

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

Sound: Earl Ediger
Livestream: Jonathan Wenger
Ushers: Jay and Stephanie Gehring
Nursery: Adam and Maggie Pounds
Musicians: Adam Pounds (prelude, song accompaniment); Pauline Buller (organ),
Worship Leader: Stephanie Gehring
Scripture Readers: Joel Iwashige, Ophelia Eggers, Addie Bar
Children's Time: Hannah Nisly, Kate Vu
Meditation: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger
Youth Sharing: Hannah Nisly, Reuben Wenger

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here!

***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: 10:45am-12:15pm Western District Conference (WDC) Listening Session with ALL youth and adults, in the basement fellowship hall. Drinks and snacks will be provided downstairs today. Preschool-6th grade will have an extended Sunday School hour while the Listening Session is in progress. **The session 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. Responses from our discussion will be shared back with the congregation, and will guide ongoing resourcing for congregations in WDC.

KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE – Urgent need for volunteers!

There are still over **300 open spots** for volunteers! The sale is this coming weekend! Click on <https://kansas.mccsale.org/volunteer> to sign up.

New this year: Christmas Décor booth (Sunflower South) selling Peggy Regier's collection of ornaments, wall hangings, vintage toy horse, etc.

Friday evening auction: 6:00-7:00pm in Sunflower North, on the Kansas State Fairgrounds.

Sponsor Jean Gaeddert in the Run for Relief. Checks payable to KMRS may be given to Jean in advance.

Pie pans for pies and bags for zwiebach are still available on the table in the foyer. Plan some extra time this week for these and other donations of baked goods for the sale



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