

# New Holland Mennonite Church

April 4, 2021 • Volume 66, No. 14  
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.



**Theme:** According to Mark, on the first day of the week, the women rise with the sun and buy spices to anoint Jesus' body. They are shocked to find the tomb empty, and leave in fear and terror. Mark's resurrection story is less triumphant than the other Gospel testimonies (as scholars believe the remainder of Mark's gospel was a later addition). In Mark's version, we are reminded that Easter comes to us, again and again, even if we don't know what to make of God's resurrection ways. Again and again, the sun rises. And some days, that is enough.

## Gathering & Praising God

Preservice music Seth Lantz  
Scripture: Mark 16:1-8 Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower  
Call to Worship/Prayer Sue Martin  
Song: *Lift your glad voices* (WB 275) Ray & Brenda Hurst

## Hearing God's Voice

Conversation with Children Steven Lantz  
Song: *Christ the Lord is risen today* (WB 280) (vs 1-4)  
"Again & Again the Sun Rises" Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

## Responding

Song: *Low in the grave he lay* (WB 273)  
Sharing and Announcements  
Congregational Prayer Bryan Hower

## Sending

Song: *Lord of the Dance*  
I danced in the morning when the world was young  
I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun  
I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth  
At Bethlehem I had my birth

Chorus: Dance, dance, wherever you may be  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he  
and I lead you all, wherever you may be  
And I lead you all in the dance, said he

I danced for the scribes and the Pharisees  
They wouldn't dance, they wouldn't follow me  
I danced for the fishermen James and John  
They came with me so the dance went on

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame  
The holy people said it was a shame  
They ripped, they stripped, they hung me high  
Left me there on the cross to die

I danced on a Friday when the world turned black  
It's hard to dance with the Devil on your back  
They buried my body, they thought I was gone  
But I am the dance, and the dance goes on

They cut me down and I leapt up high  
I am the life that will never, never die  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he

Benediction (*Congregation joins in reading bold print*)

We know the fear of the upper room.  
We know the feeling of hard days and long nights.  
We know the grief of the tomb,  
And the particular ache of saying goodbye.  
We know the pain of Good Friday,  
And we know the darkness before dawn.  
And still,  
And still,  
We believe.  
**We believe that again and again,**  
The sun will rise.  
**Again and again,**  
God will draw near.  
**Again and again,**  
We will march toward justice.  
**Again and again,**  
The tomb will be empty.  
**Again and again,**  
Love will win.  
**Again and again,**  
God will lead the church.  
**Again and again,**  
**And again and again,**  
We will be loved.  
The journey will not be perfect.  
We will need to rise before dawn.  
We will need angels along the way.  
But again and again,  
The sun will rise.  
**We believe.**  
Amen.

Join us for breakfast under the carport.

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**March 28 (Zoom)**

**Attendance:** 37

**Church Offering:** \$5,240.00 (for March 28 and April 4)

**Upcoming Events**

*All activities are on zoom unless otherwise stated.*

**Wednesday, April 7: Shine Bright Club, 7:00 p.m.**

**April 10, Garden Work: 8:30-11:30 a.m.**

**Sunday, April 11**

**Sunday School: 9:00 am.**

**Worship: 10:00 a.m.**

Worship Leader: Karina Morales

Sermon: Richard Weaver

Congregational Prayer: Dawn Ranck-Hower

Children's Time: Ray Hurst

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**April 8:** Rhoda Weaver; **April 10:** Tim Martin

**Church News**

**"This is Us:"** Contact Pastor Dawn if you are willing to share about your family on **April 18, 25, or May 9, 16, 23, or 30.**

**Camp Scholarships:** Consider giving a donation to make it possible for children in our congregation to enjoy a week at camp this summer. Mark "Church Camp" on offering envelope. Contact Pastor Dawn if you would like to have access to a camp scholarship in 2021.

**Sunday School: April 11-May 30.** Each Sunday we will be listening to and discussing a Chapter of *"I Am Not Your Enemy: Stories to Transform a Divided World"* by Michael T. McRay. The author visits divided regions of the world and interviews activists, peacebuilders, former combatants, and clergy members about their personal stories of conflict, justice, and reconciliation. In a time of heightened alienation and fear, McRay offers true, sacred stories of reconciliation and justice, asking what they can teach us about our own divided states. We need stories that cultivate empathy and tell the truth. We need stories to save us from our fear. (There will be no Sunday School on May 2 or June-August)

## Community News

**1040 for Peace hosts webinar: "Martin Luther King on Racism and War"** 7:30 p.m., Wednesday evening, **April 7** Featuring Dr. Drew G.I. Hart and Rev. Joanna Lawrence Shenk and hosted by Titus Peachey. Dr. Hart is an activist, pastor, and a professor at Messiah University. He is the author of *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism* (2016) the recent *Who Will be a Witness? Igniting Activism for God's Justice, Love and Deliverance* (2020). Rev. Shenk is associate pastor of the First Mennonite Church of San Francisco and former associate for Interchurch Relations and Communications at Mennonite Church, USA. Shenk interviewed Vincent Harding a few years before his death, and published *The Movement Makes Us Human: An Interview with Dr Vincent Harding on Mennonites, Vietnam, and MLK, Wipf & Stock, 2018*. Dr. Hart and Rev. Shenk will reflect on the relevancy today of King's "Beyond Vietnam" speech. Persons can register for the webinar at [tinyurl.com/MLK1040Webinar](https://tinyurl.com/MLK1040Webinar).

**Book Unveiling:** Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society hosts author Beth Oberholtzer and photographer John Herr in an exclusive complimentary online event to unveil their new book, *Working Horses of Lancaster County*, and the companion children's book, *Mares & Foals*, on Tuesday, **April 27** at 7 pm. Zoom information at [bit.ly/ZoomWHLC](https://bit.ly/ZoomWHLC).

**Caring for God's Earth: A Hopeful Response to the Climate Crisis, Friday-Saturday, May 7-8.** This two-day event with both virtual and in-person components will equip and give hope to current and developing church leaders and others concerned about climate change. The day includes online plenary sessions and workshops as well as inspiring in-person field trips to explore climate action work being done in the Lancaster, Pennsylvania area. This event is offered by the Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions, Mennonite Central Committee East Coast, and the Peace & Justice Committee of Atlantic Coast Conference. Info and registration at [atlanticcoastconference.net/gods-earth](https://atlanticcoastconference.net/gods-earth). Registration required.