

May 2, 2021 • Volume 66, No. 18 • Worship: 6:30 p.m.



Summary: The psalmist expresses trust in a God that delivers. This trust makes it possible to be brave in the face of danger, knowing that God will be present despite the threats around us.

Gathering & Praising God

Preservice Ruth Carrasco Call to Worship/Prayer Sue Martin

Leader: We gather in the presence of a loving God,

People: Who rejoices in the righteousness

of God's people,

Leader: Who stands firm in the midst of suffering

and torment,

People: Who holds the power to relieve suffering,
Leader: Who hears us even when we do not hear,
People: Who sees us even when we do not see.

Leader: Our God brings light and life

to all who follow in God's ways,

People: In the presence of a loving God we gather.

This is God's wondrous world (VT 180)

Hearing God's Voice

Conversation with Children

Scripture: Psalm 27

Sermon: "Psalms of Trust"

Jen Morales

Sue Martin

Dawn Ranck-Hower

Responding

When we walk with the Lord (VT 570)

Confession

Pastor: Trusting in God's grace,

let us confess our sin.

All: Have mercy on me, O God,

according to your steadfast love.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is every before me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,

and put a new and right spirit within me.

Pastor: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

In the name of Jesus,

we are forgiven, loved, and free.

Communion

Sharing and Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Ray Hurst

Sending

The Lord lift you up (VT 832) Benediction

Pianist: Ruth Carrasco; Praise Team: Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel,

Jen Morales, Tammy Snader

April 25

Attendance: 40 • Church Offering: \$2,360.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 2: Nyvania Molina May 4: Marge Ernst

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Upcoming Events

All activities are on zoom unless otherwise stated.

Sunday, May 9

Sunday School: 9 a.m. **Worship:** 10:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: Dawn Kaczor

Sermon: Chet Yoder

Congregational Prayer: Dawn Ranck Hower

Children's Time: Steven Lantz

Tuesday, May 4, Work in Garden: 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 22: Rest for the Weary Silent Retreat,

9 a.m.-noon

Saturday, May 22: Kid's Club, 3-4 p.m.

Sunday, May 23: Pentecost Worship in church members

backyards, 10 a.m.

Sunday, June 6. 10 a.m. Worship by Zoom (Note change) **Sunday, June 13,** 10 a.m. OUTDOOR worship (under tent)

Rest for the Weary: Silent Retreat

Saturday, May 22. 9 a.m. —Noon Led by Pastor Dawn outdoors at the church

"Come to me, all you who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest.

Put on my yoke, and learn from me.

I'm gentle and humble.

And you will find rest for yourselves. My yoke is easy to bear, and my burden is light."

— Jesus

Space to *BE*, and to open yourself—your soul, your eyes, your ears— to the One who *IS*, who lives in us, surrounds us, carried us, calls to us, calls us by name, knows us and loves us deeply.

RSVP to Pastor Dawn by Wednesday, May 19.

Church News

Pentecost: This year for our Pentecost Worship Service on **May 23**, the Leadership Team is planning for folks to meet at 9:30 a.m. at different homes of people in the congregation. About 8 people will gather around a fire pit or a circle in the back yard. A simple breakfast will be provided. A worship leader will lead the group through the worship service that is provided by Pastor Dawn. Additional details were sent in an email. **Please RSVP by May 16, even if you do not plan to attend.**

Community News

Mennonite Children's Choir Concerts: Saturday, May 15 (rain date May 22), 2:30 p.m. & 4:15 p.m. Lancaster Mennonite School Turf Field. MCCL with The Walking Roots Band. No tickets needed. Sunday, May 16 (rain date May 23), 2:30-4:45 p.m. Experience music from 9 groups by the Mill Stream. Tickets required. Lancaster Mennonite School Grounds. MCCL with local guest artists. Sunday, June 6, 7 p.m., Mt. Gretna Tabernacle. Let's support choir member Seth Lantz. Details: mennonitechildrenschoir.org/2021/04/mccl-spring-2021-concerts/

#BringThePeace: Mennonite Church USA has released a new online curriculum called, **"Defund the Police? An Abolition Curriculum."** The 9-week interactive multi-media curriculum focuses on a biblical view of personal and community safety, in response to the continued brutalization of Black, Brown and Indigenous people by police. Learn more about the curriculum: https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news-abolition-curriculum

Menno Snapshots: Glen Guyton, executive director of Mennonite Church USA, responded to the verdict in the George Floyd murder case in his blog, "Unfulfilled: A Reaction to the Chauvin Guilty Verdict." Read it here: https://www.mennoniteusa.org/glens-blog-unfulfilled

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