

February 25, 2024 • Volume 69, No. 8 Fellowship: 8:30 am • Sunday School: 9 am • Worship: 10:00 am

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT Lent Theme: The Call to Serve

**The Point:** Jesus came to serve, and calls us to do the same

**Gathering & Praising God** 

10,000 Reasons (VT 111) Call to Worship & Prayer Open My Eyes (VT 732) Jenn Esbenshade Ruth Douglas Miller

**Hearing God's Voice** 

Offering

Conversation with Children

Scripture: Mark 10:32-45

Sermon: "Good News?"

Michele Good

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Responding

Reflective Prayer

God of Justice (VT 772)

Sharing and Announcements

Congregational Prayer

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Sending

Love the Lord Your God (VT 288)

Benediction

Coffee: Sue Martin; Greeters: Tim Martin; Close: Tim Martin

**Sound**: Wade Esbenshade

**Offering:** Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel & Lois Zimmerman

February 18:

**Attendance: 39** (2 on zoom) • **Offering:** \$1,530.00

#### **NEXT SUNDAY: March 10**

March/April worship chart will be emailed out on Monday to everyone involved in worship for those two months.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

All events are at New Holland Mennonite Church unless otherwise indicated **March 7: Men's Dinner,** 5:30/6 p.m. Garden Spot Village **March 22: Book Club: "Black Cake"** 7 p.m. Hosted by Pat Thomas **March 20: Women's Dinner,** 5:30/6 p.m. GSV

**Following Jesus Footprints:** You are invited put your name on a footprint and lay it down the center aisle as a symbol of your willingness to commit to walk with Jesus each day.

**Fellowship Meal: Sunday, March 3**. Bring a hot and/or cold dish to share and your own place settings. Hot dish should be in a slow cooker. The meal will be served in the lobby and begin approximately 15 minutes after service is over. Let Michele Good know if you are available to help. **Note:** Children should remain in the lobby or sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

**My Coins Count:** During the month of March the children will collect coins (or dollars) for Mennonite Central Committee's "My Coins Count."

**Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster of Lancaster:** Seth Lantz and the rest of the choir will be singing at Garden Spot Village, **March 20,** 7 p.m.

**Save the Date! 68th Annual Pennsylvania Relief Sale, April 5 & 6, 2024**, Friday, April 5 | 4 p.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday, April 6, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, PA.

Land Acknowledgment: We acknowledge, with humility, that the land where we sit and stand today is land that was home to the Susquehannock, Shawnee, and Lenape people. Let us be aware that we occupy their homeland, and that their presence is imbued in this land.

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# Theme: God's Triumph

We do not yet live fully in God's kingdom, but in a world of selfishness. We see the kingdom breaking through in small ways as people live out God's vision. But God is in charge and will triumph over evil. Both our suffering and success are only temporary. This message can sound scary, but it is truly a message of hope (Mark 13). The people celebrated this hope when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem (Mark 11). A woman honors Jesus as the Messiah when she anoints him with a costly perfume (Mark 14). Little did the people understand that God's greatest triumph would come, not through military victory, but through the Messiah's painful death on a cross (Mark 15). Jesus dreaded this path, but he courageously followed God's will (Mark 14). This story does not end when Jesus's body was placed in a tomb. Instead, Jesus triumphs over death itself by rising again and leaving that tomb empty (Mark 16).

#### Palm Sunday Worship Service: March 24. 10 a.m.

Our service will begin with the crowds shouting "Hosanna" to Jesus as he rides into Jerusalem. Our readings, scripture, and songs will tell us the story of each day that week between Palm Sunday and Easter. This is a busy week for Jesus, and we do well to contemplate all of the story. This is a sacred and solemn week that lies before Jesus, that lies before us. A time when, once again, we see the depth and mystery of Jesus redeeming love.

## Good Friday Tenebrae Service: March 29, 7:00 p.m.

Enter and exit this service in silence. A service of scripture, silence, and song on the saddest day of the church year. Jesus is on his way through the Roman legal system. This is the day he is accused, jailed, judged, and executed. The question confronting Christians on Good Friday is whether we are willing to follow Jesus to the cross.

#### Easter Service: March 31, 10 a.m.

We have seen the risen Lord! Easter Sunday begins a 50-day period during which the church celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the triumph of life over death. (There is no Sunday School). Please bring your Easter flowers to church and place on the platform for everyone to enjoy.

#### **What We Value**

With Jesus as our center, we commit to including all people, strengthening our relationships (and) practicing peace and justice.

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