



Our mission:
to nurture disciples of Jesus Christ
who join boldly with the Spirit's work
in the world.

*Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!*

A Service for the Lord's Day
Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks* 240

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* -J. S. Bach

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Elfie Finn-McKenzie, Worship Leader

The good news resounds:

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

We celebrate the God who is our refuge.

In God's presence there is gladness and rest.

God is always before us;

we shall not be shaken.

*Hymn *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* 267

*Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praises to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!*

*Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**When we lock the doors of our hearts or minds,
you burst forth with forgiveness and peace.
When we are paralyzed by fear, doubt, or anger,
you breathe the Spirit on us and clothe us in your strength.
When we turn away from the depth of your redemption,
you call us back and gift us with joy.**

[A time of silence is given for personal prayers of confession]

Forgive us, risen Lord, of the sins we commit.

Forgive us, risen Lord, of the sins we fail to confess.

**Forgive us, risen Lord, of the sins we fail to forgive,
and lead us into your abundant life. Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Christ comes with healing light into our locked places and shadowy hurts,
resurrecting our spirits and breathing into us new life.

As God's forgiven people, go to bring peace, forgiveness, and
new life into the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

*Response *I've Got Peace Like a River (v. 1)* 623

*I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river in my soul.*

We Gather Around God's Word

Time with the Children

Pastor Ann Pettit

Scripture Reading

John 20:19-31

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) Adapted from the Confession of 1967 (9.10, 9.31)

**The risen Christ is the savior of all people.
Those joined to him by faith are set right with God
and commissioned to serve as God's reconciling community.
Christ is head of this community, the church,
which began with the apostles
and continues through all generations.**

**The church universal is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation.
It shares God's labor of healing the enmities which
separate people from God and from each other.
Christ has called the church to this mission
and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit.
The church maintains continuity
with the apostles and with Israel
by faithful obedience to his call.
Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem

Easter Day
(Poem by Gerard Manley Hopkins)

-Warner

*Break the box and shed the nard,
stop not now to count the cost;
hither bring pearl, opal, sard:
reck not what the poor have lost;
upon Christ throw all away:
Know ye this is Easter Day.*

*Build the church and deck the shrine,
empty though it be on earth;
ye have kept your choicest wine –
let it flow for heavenly mirth;
pluck the harp and breath the horn,
Know ye not 'tis Easter morn.*

*Gather gladness from the skies;
take a lesson from the ground,
flower do open their heavenward eyes
and a Spring time joy have found;
Earth throws Winter's robes away,
decks herself for Easter Day.*

*Beauty now for ashes wear,
perfumes for the garb of woe,
chaplets for disheveled hair,
dancers for sad footsteps slow;
open wide your hearts that they
let in joy this Easter Day.*

*Seek God's house in happy throng;
crowded let his table be;
mingle praises, prayer, and song,
singing to the Trinity.
Henceforth let your souls always
Make each morn an Easter Day.*

Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn

Breathe on Me Breath of God (vv. 1-3)

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***Breathe on me, Breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.***

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *Breathe on Me Breath of God (v. 4)*

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*Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.*

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Life at Massanutten

- **Adult Education opportunities** beginning April 16th at 9:00 am each Sunday include:
 - Faithful Conversations: The Apostles' Creed. A six-week study that explores the meaning of the phrases of this familiar and ancient creed. What we learn can deepen our devotion, and give a vision for Christian living and action in the church and the world.
 - Covenant Class: Study of James. A six-week study on the Book of James exploring how both Paul and James approach the importance of "works" in relation to faith and salvation. At the heart of this short letter is an absolute conviction that love of one's neighbor fulfills the Law.
- **RAM: Remote Area Medical Clinic needs**. RAM will be held at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds May 5-7. MPC is collecting food for the providers that come to our area while they are working. The following is needed: *Juice Boxes, Energy Bars and Breakfast Bars*. Please leave your contribution marked for RAM in the Narthex.
- The **Shenandoah Valley Choral Society**, under the direction of Curtis Nolley, will present its spring concert this afternoon at 3:00 pm, at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. Tickets are available at the door or online at singshenandoah.org. Admission \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors and students.
- **The Great Community Give (This Wednesday: April 19th; 6:30 am—8:00 pm)**, an initiative of The Community Foundation of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County, is a sunrise to sunset giving day event that promotes charitable giving to support nonprofit organizations in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. Massanutten has a covenant relationship with two of the organizations participating this year: **Massanetta Springs and Valley Interfaith Action**. Check out the full list of nonprofits to see how you might support these or other organizations: greatcommunitygive.org. You can also donate online now through April 19th.
- **Mosaic Handbell Ensemble** will present their Spring concert series "Hope Springs Eternal" featuring a wide range of uplifting music. Carol Lown and Kath Wissinger are both members of this advanced community handbell ensemble. MPC's Massanutten Ringers are guest musicians for this concert and they will join Mosaic for the final piece. Save the date! Sunday, April 30 at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary. Free will donations gratefully accepted.
- **Save the Date—Saturday, May 13 is Mulch Day**. Mark your calendar and plan to come help mulch the flower and shrub beds.
- **Safety Message: Lights and Locks—Leave a room as you found it**. Turn off the lights and lock the door.

This Week At MPC

Sunday, April 16

9:00am Adult Sunday School
9:30am HS Breakfast
Faith Village
Parent Fellowship
10:30am Worship
Godly Play
5:00pm Fun with Handbells
6:00pm Youth Dinner & Fellowship
6:30pm Session

Monday, April 17

10:00am Food Pantry
7:00pm Massanutten Ringers
Boy Scouts

Tuesday, April 18

7:15pm Treble Choir (CR)

Wednesday, April 19

10:30am Staff Meeting
7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 20

Friday, April 21 Church Office Closed
O.U.R. Hearts Ministry Team departs
(Massanutten Cares)

Saturday, April 22

8:30am Massanutten Cares

Sunday, April 23

9:00am Adult Sunday School
9:30am HS Breakfast
Faith Village
Parent Fellowship
10:30am Worship
Godly Play
5:00pm Youth Handbells
6:00pm Youth Dinner & Fellowship

MASSANUTTEN CARES 2023

This Saturday, April 22nd

Mark your calendars for this 'All Hands on Deck' day (or weekend) of service. We will send out teams to:

assist members and friends in yard and/or home projects

extend care through a visit and/or soup and bread

take part in Massanetta Springs annual Spring Clean-up Day.

For those who would like to make it a weekend of caring, a team will be sent to:

O.U.R Hearts Ministry in Craigsville.

There's something for everyone - and for all ages! You may sign up on line through our weekly email newsletter or fill out a registration form (located in the Narthex).

The Lord is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed.

Alleluia!

Serving April 16

Door Monitor: Glenn & Nancy Wayland

Greeters: Dave & Jan Reser

Ushers and Water Pourers:
Lewis & Jacob Burkholder

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Emily Burkholder

Faith Village: Jennifer Coffelt

Godly Play: Karen Enslin

HS Breakfast: Robin & Diann Reed

MS Youth: Sarah Rimer

HS Youth: Gus Scheidt

Serving April 23

Door Monitor: Barbara Palmer

Greeters: Brian, Ashley, Gage, Merritt & Quest Becker

Ushers and Water Pourers:
Harvey & Karen Mast

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Katie Gray

Faith Village: Jennifer Coffelt

Godly Play: Robin & Diann Reed

HS Breakfast: Robin Reed

MS Youth: Sarah Rimer

HS Youth: Gus Scheidt

Children and Youth

Sunday, April 9

9:30am HS Breakfast
Faith Village
Parent Fellowship

10:30am Worship
Godly Play

5:00pm Fun with Handbells
6:00pm Youth Dinner & Fellowship

Sunday, April 16

9:30am HS Youth Breakfast
Faith Village
Parent Fellowship

10:30am Worship
Godly Play

5:00pm Fun with Handbells
6:00pm Youth Dinner & Fellowship

Seeking to nurture and empower our children and youth to live and serve in the world as loving disciples of Jesus Christ.