



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

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

April 23, 2023

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Introit *The Strife is O'er*

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *Now All the Vault of Heaven* -Hobby

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Deidre Lenderking , Worship Leader
Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from sin.
Alleluia!
By his rising we are free from the fear of death.
Alleluia!
By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.
Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

*Hymn *Good Christians All Rejoice and Sing* 239

*Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*The Lord of life is risen today!
Death's mighty stone is rolled away.
Let all the earth rejoice and say:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful Lord,
we confess that we sometimes forget who you create us to be.
You call us to faithfulness,
but sometimes we turn away.
You invite us into newness of life,
but we cling to our old ways.
We are slow to believe the good news of the resurrection,
and often fail to see what you are doing in front of us.
We ask your forgiveness.
Give us a fresh start and a new beginning.
Renew a right spirit within us,
and grant us your peace.
Help us also to forgive ourselves.
Through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

This is the news of Easter: God who raised Jesus from the dead has not given us over to death.

In the name of Jesus, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

*Response

Alleluia, Alleluia

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*Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give praise to his name Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!*

We Gather Around God's Word

Time with the Children

Pastor Keith Phillips

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Sermon

Pastor Ann Pettit

*Let rivers flow and breezes blow,
Good news of springtime giving.
Let trees and seedlings greener grow,
For Christ is risen, Christ is risen!*

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 Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

A Declaration of Faith

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus

God kept God's promises.

All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ.

But the work of God in Christ is not over.

God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.

**The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence
that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.**

**In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth,
certainty of victory over death,**

assurance of mercy

and judgment beyond death.

This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn

Day of Arising

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*Day of arising,
Christ on the roadway,
unknown companion
walks with his own.
When they invite him,
as fades the first day,
and bread is broken,
Christ is made known.*

*When we are walking,
doubtful and dreading,
blinded by sadness,
slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us,
ever awaiting
our invitation:
Stay, do not part.*

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem

Alleluia, Alleluia, Praise the Risen Son

-Warner

*Alleluia, Alleluia, praise the Risen Son!
Praise the Living One!*

*Let earth and heaven join to sing;
Let mourners cease their weeping.*

*Let joyful alleluias ring,
And wake the with song the sleeping.*

The Christ who died has conquered death,

The power of love revealing.

The world is warmed by Spirit's breath,

Whose gifts are life and healing.

*Lo, I am with you,
Jesus has spoken.
This is Christ's promise,
this is Christ's sign:
when the church gathers,
when bread is broken,
there Christ is with us,
in bread and wine.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

*Christ, our companion,
hope for the journey,
bread of compassion,
open our eyes.
Grant us your vision,
set all hearts burning
that all creation
with you may rise.*

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This Week At MPC

Sunday, April 23

9:00am Adult Sunday School
9:30am *No HS Breakfast*
Faith Village
Parent Fellowship
10:30am Worship
Godly Play
No Fun with Handbells today
6:00pm Youth Dinner & Fellowship

Thursday, April 27

Friday, April 28 Church Office Closed

Saturday, April 29 Church Office Closed

11:00am Open Doors Volunteer
Reception (FH)
Youth Sunday Rehearsal
(sanctuary)

Monday, April 24

7:00pm Massanutten Ringers
Boy Scouts

Sunday, April 30—Youth Sunday

9:00am Adult Sunday School
9:30am *No HS Breakfast*
Faith Village
Parent Fellowship
10:30am Worship
Youth Lunch (FH)
No Godly Play
No Evening Youth Activities

Tuesday, April 25

7:00pm Safety Team (FH)
7:15pm Treble Choir (CR)

Wednesday, April 26

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

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

Serving April 30

Door Monitor: Youth

Greeters: Youth

Ushers and Water Pourers: Youth

Nursery: Katie Rodgers & Sally Brown

Faith Village: Jennifer Coffelt

No Godly Play

No HS Breakfast

No Youth Activities this evening

Life at Massanutten

- **Sunday Morning Adult Education.** Faithful Conversations: The Apostles' Creed. A six-week study that explores the meaning of the phrases of this familiar and ancient creed. 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.
- **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.
- **Attention Middle School Families!** Do you know a middle school youth who plays an instrument? Brass, Woodwind String or Percussion? Beginning in May, each Tuesday we’ll gather in a relaxed atmosphere to play—just for the fun of playing. No pressure. No performances on the calendar—just an opportunity to enjoy playing music together. Reach out to the church office or Bob Jerome (bjerome@massanuttenchurch.org) with questions or to let him know you have a middle school youth who would like to participate (they can bring friends)!
- **Youth Dinner Volunteers Needed:** Many thanks for all the great meals provided this year for Sunday evening youth group. Three dates remain up for grabs: May 7, 14, & 21. Meals are served 6-6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Let the church office know of your interest!
- **Safety Message:** Lights and Locks—Leave a room as you found it. Turn off the lights and lock the door.

Children and Youth

Sunday, April 23

9:30am HS Breakfast

Faith Village

Parent Fellowship

10:30am Worship

Godly Play

No Fun with Handbells today

6:00pm Youth Dinner & Fellowship

Sunday, April 30

9:30am No HS Youth Breakfast

Faith Village

Parent Fellowship

10:30am Worship

No Godly Play today

Lunch after worship

No Evening Youth Activities

Saturday, April 29

11:00am Youth Sunday Rehearsal

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