Fear and Great Joy: 
The Road to Emmaus
April 26, 2020

GATHERING
Words of Welcome Richard and Barbara Krehbiel Gehring

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness Purple #1

Call to Worship Deborah Wetherill

Leader:  We enter a virtual gathering space once again this season.

People: We worship together in spirit and in truth, though not in person.

Leader: We pray, sing, and listen to God’s Word despite the fear that pervades our community.

People: We trust Christ’s peace, a peace given freely, despite our doubts and fears.

Leader: We know the Holy Spirit is among us, blowing with a hopeful wind of change.

People: We feel the presence of Christ, the one who died and rose again, and brings us eternal life.

Leader: We submit to God’s leading in this time of transformation.

All: We experience joy when we celebrate all God has in store for us.

—Rev. Dr. Libby Grammar, Senior Pastor in Martinsville, VA

Opening Prayer

PRAISING AND CONFESSIONING
God Remembers Green #107
We Sing to You, O God Green #1

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance: Romans 8: 38-39, LMC Verse of the Year

All: “For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Amen.

Offering Prayer

HEARING GOD’S WORD
Children’s Story Carolyn Jarot

Scripture Reading Jim and Melissa Beitler

Leader: Listen for the Word of the Lord.

People: Our ears are open.


Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Richard Gehring

Alleluia, the Great Storm is Over Green #71

SHARING IN COMMUNITY
Music for Meditation Joe Hayward

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness,

People: O Lord, Hear My Prayer Blue #348

Congregational Prayer

Work of the Church
This Week’s Activities

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Announcements

- The **Pastor Congregation Relations Committee** meets on a periodic basis with each of the pastors. It functions as a support group for the pastors and as a link between them and the congregation. The next meeting with Barb and Richard will take place this coming Saturday (May 2). If you have suggestions, concerns, or positive feedback about our pastors that you’d like addressed at the meeting, please email sharingwithpcrc@lombardmennonite.org, or contact any PCRC member: Caroline (Chair), Elise, Tim, and Doug.

- We will hold a short, **virtual congregational meeting** next Sunday to approve our 2020-2022 leadership slate. The meeting will be over Zoom and will start at the conclusion of the service, before the children’s gathering time.

- Friday is the deadline to submit applications for 2020 **mission matching grants**. You can find an application [here](#).

- While we are not able to gather at church on Sundays, there are several ways to **keep up with your giving** to LMC. You can join the First Fruits Giving program (contact Katharine for info), mail a check to the church office or utilize your bank’s online bill pay system to send one, or make a donation via PayPal on the church website [here](#). Thank you!