


# Holy Humor—Sports Edition

## April 7, 2024

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Assisted listening devices are available at the sound desk at the back of the sanctuary. 

### PREGAME

Introduction of Starting Lineup

Singing of Multinational Anthem (Mennonite style)

*Praise God from Whom*

VT #70

Hilary Rhodes, Song Leader

### FIRST QUARTER

Richard and Barbara Krehbiel Gehring

Call to Worship

Leader: Joy is loose,

**People: in the wiggles of the children,**

Leader: the whispers of the youth,

**People: the smiles of the adults.**

Leader: We praise God for this glorious day,

**People: let the praise break forth in the most unlikely places and in silly ways.**

Leader: Joy and praise fills our hearts and in our songs

**People: let the laughter be deep, for we are God's people.**

—trinityunitedparish.org

Opening Prayer

*Jesus, Be the Center*

VT #584

Intro to Holy Humor Sunday

### SECOND QUARTER

Music for Meditation Cachinnation or Exaltation

Joe Hayward

### Confession of Faith

Leader: We believe in God, who made all things good.

**People: We live, we love, we laugh, because we are created in God's image.**

Leader: We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior.

**People: He had the last laugh on the devil when he rose from the dead.**

Leader: We believe in the Holy Spirit, co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and the Son.

**People: Our counselor, our guide, our motivator—our joy!**

Leader: Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously, when we don't claim the happiness that is rightfully ours as your children, when we forget that you will have the last laugh in this world.

**People: Restore to us the joy of our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

—Adapted from Rev. Robert M. Thompson, "Joyful Noiseletter"

*God of Our Strength*

VT #47

Sharing Holy Humor

### HALF TIME

Offering Prayer

Nathan Perrin

*Who's the Coach of the Universe?*

### THIRD QUARTER

Scripture Reading

Dave Kuhlmann Taylor

Leader: Listen for the Word of the Lord.

**People: Our ears are open.**

Psalm 30: 1-5, 11-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

More Holy Humor: “Sing That Hymn Line”

Listening (and Watching) for the Spirit

### SEVENTH-INNING STRETCH

*Take Me Just as I Am, Lord*

(To the tune of *Take Me Out To The Ballgame*)

Music for Refraction Revel-ation or Jubilation Joe Hayward

### FOURTH QUARTER

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Work of the Church

*Guide My Feet*

VT #816

Benediction

## This Week’s Activities

<b>Today</b>	Nursery: Ken G Kabira, Eric Nelessen	10:00 AM
	Nursery: Dinorah Scott, Paul Reimer	11:30 AM
	Adult Christian Formation	11:30 AM

- Church History—Ancient to Anabaptism (Sanctuary)

Serving Today:

- A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder
- Greeter: Dave Martin • Coffee Host: Doug Kimball
- Church Opening & Lockup: Lyle Bohnert, Vacant

<b>Tue</b>	Contemplative Prayer, via Zoom	7:00 PM
	Administration Commission	7:00 PM

<b>Wed</b>	Women of the Word Bible Study	9:30 AM
	Ministry Team	7:00 PM
<b>Thu</b>	Menno Men	9:30 AM
	Pastoral Care	7:00 PM
<b>Sat</b>	Education Wing Design Team	9:30 AM
	Memorial Service for Jean King	11:00 AM
	Game/Trivia Night	5:30 PM

## Announcements

- Today’s **adult education class** will explore the church of the first century—both its radical faithfulness and some of its shortcomings.
- Get your game on at our **LMC game night** this coming Saturday (Apr 13)! Bring board games you love to play with your church family and a dessert to share. For a twist, we’ll compete in a 20-question trivia game as an intermission, with white elephant prizes for the winners. The fun kicks off at 5:30 PM with a pizza and salad supper, then gameplay from 6-8:30ish.
- The Discernment Planning Team has heard a desire from several people in the congregation for **more discussion on Biblical texts related to LGBTQ+ inclusion**. In response, Pastors Richard and Barb will be moderating a discussion on this topic during the Sunday school hour on April 21.
- Join **Mennonite Action Chicago** for a meeting to discuss next steps this Friday at 7 PM at Chicago Community Mennonite Church. A carpool leaves LMC at 6. Questions? Contact Dave M.