


Proclaiming the Good News

April 14, 2024

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

GATHERING

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Lisa Rose, Song Leader
VT #536

Welcome

Keith Eiten

Call to Worship

Leader: Our risen Lord Jesus Christ, we greet you.

**People: The cross has not defeated you,
the grave has not kept you silent.**

Leader: At the first dew of the morning you met
our sister Mary, and called her by her name.

**People: We are your family and friends,
and we come gladly to confirm the rumor
that you are alive.**

Leader: Meet us as you met Mary with gentleness
and resolution.

**People: Speak our names quietly in our hearts,
that we may proclaim your name
boldly on our lips.**

All: Amen.

—*Sing the Story, 2007*

Opening Prayer

PRAISING

You Are Exalted
Thy Word is a Lamp

VT #86
VT #398

Music for Meditation
Prelude from Suite No. 3 (Bach)

Elizabeth Giles

Offering Prayer

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lord, you said, “If you love me, you will obey
what I command.”

**People: Forgive us our lukewarm love
and our disobedience.**

Leader: Lord, you said, “You may ask for anything
in my name.”

**People: Forgive us when we think we need
to solve our own problems.**

Leader: Lord, you said, “Do not let your hearts
be troubled and do not be afraid.”

**People: We confess that our lives are often
consumed by worry and anxiety.**

Leader: Lord, you said, “If you remain in me and
I in you, you will bear much fruit.”

People: Forgive us our barren lives, Lord.

Leader: Lord, you said, “You must testify,
for you have been with me.”

**People: We confess, Lord, that we have been
too often silent.**

Leader: Lord, you said, “Love each other as
I have loved you.”

**All: In this and in so many other ways,
we confess our failures and shortcomings.
Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Sharing the Peace of Christ

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading

Ken G Kabira

Leader: Listen for the Word of the Lord.

People: Our ears are open.

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Barbara Krehbiel Gehring
"Easter People"

Listening for the Spirit

I Believe in God Almighty VT #433

Music for Reflection Elizabeth Giles
Bourree from Suite No. 3 (Bach)

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

Recognition and Blessing for Katharine Richert for 20 Years of Service to LMC

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness,

People: hear our prayer.

Prayers of the People

Work of the Church

SENDING

The Church's One Foundation VT #397
Words of Blessing

Announcements

- Pastors Richard and Barb will be moderating a **discussion on Biblical texts related to LGBTQ+ inclusion** during the Christian Formation hour next Sunday (April 21). For planning purposes, please sign up in advance by contacting the office.

- Time flies when you're planning for Vacation Bible School! Pastor Nathan invites you to complete the quick form with the QR code to share your availability to **help with our week of VBS** from June 3-7. Thank you!



This Week's Activities

Today	Nursery: Melissa Miller, Cora Botts	10:00 AM
	Nursery: Paul Reimer, Nina Lantz	11:30 AM
	Adult Christian Formation	11:30 AM
	• Church History—Ancient to Anabaptism (Sanctuary)	
	<u>Serving Today:</u>	
	• A/V Technicians: Gray Taylor, Dave Kuhlmann Taylor	
	• Greeters: Jeff & Laura Yoder • Coffee Host: Dinorah Scott	
	• Church Opening & Lockup: Lyle Bohnert, Vacant	
Tue	Contemplative Prayer, via Zoom	7:00 PM
Wed	Women of the Word Bible Study	9:30 AM
	Worship Commission	7:00 PM
Thu	Menno Men	9:30 AM
Fri-Sat	MYF Work Weekend at Menno Haven	
Sat	Discernment Planning Team	2:00 PM