

Willow Springs Worship, Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024. 9:30 am

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Hosted by Elaine Good

Welcome and Call to worship – Heather Munn

Call to worship

One: When it is still dark, we come seeking Jesus.

Many: The Risen Christ is here among us!

One: The stone has been rolled away, walls torn down.

Many: The Risen Christ is here among us!

One: The burial cloth removed, his body transformed.

Many: The Risen Christ is here among us!

One: Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter, and John see and believe.

All: We find the Risen Christ among us who has made all things new!

The tomb is empty, the way of Love has prevailed!

One: Peace be with you!

Many: Peace be with you!

Songs - Phil Kaufmann

Children's time – Anna Zehr

Prayer of Rejoicing

One: Risen Jesus, you make all things new.

Many: You call us by name to come to you.

One: You come preaching peace, inviting us to life.

Many: You prepare a feast for us and wipe away all tears.

All: You bring life everlasting. We rejoice in your salvation, Lord of all!

Scriptures – John 20:1-18

Sermon- Jesus said to her, "Mary."

- Alive 4 U

Songs

Sharing/Pastoral prayer After prayer times “Lord, in your mercy” respond with “hear our prayer.”

Announcements:

Willow Springs Missional Giving emphasis for March is Mennonite Central Committee. If you would like to give to **the MCC, make a notation on the memo line of a check.** Thank you all for supporting organizations connected to the Willow Springs.

Our church building desperately needs a **new roof** sooner than later. We plan for a new steel, hidden fastener roof to last for decades to come. Hopefully it will be installed in May! If you would like to the project, please mark your check – Building Fund.

Cal’s Mom, Florence Zehr, passed away Saturday morning in Waterloo, Iowa, a memorial service will be held Friday morning in Manson, Iowa. She attended Willow Springs worship via zoom the past few years. Thanks for your prayers!

CALENDAR

April 7 Fionah Shares during worship

Sending: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Death is swallowed up! All is made new! Christ is among us! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Online giving option: <https://tinyurl.com/donateWSMC>

John 20

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. 2 So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

3 So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. 4 Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, 7 as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. 8 Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. 9 (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) 10 Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

11 Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb 12 and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

13 They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”

“They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” 14 At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

15 He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”

16 Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).

17 Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

18 Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.