

Luke 24:1-12 (NRSV)

24:¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

I Peter 5:1-7 (NRSV)

5:¹ Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you ²to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. ³ Do not lord it over those in your charge but be examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. ⁵ In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” ⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022
From certainty to openness

As we seek God's way, we move from the confidence of knowing how things are, to the unsettling openness of realizing God's ways are beyond what we can imagine.

GATHERING

Gathering Music	Shirley Baltzer
Welcome, Announcements, Greeting	Nadine Friesen
Prelude to Worship	Shirley Baltzer

*Call to Worship	Nadine Friesen
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Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Together we seek the way of God---

the generous,

compassionate,

grace-filled,

inclusive,

abundant,

powerful,

unsettling,

way of God.

On this day that God has made,

may our hearts be open to the good news:

Christ is not here, for he is risen.

Jesus Christ is risen indeed!

*Prayer	Nadine Friesen
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Hymn	Christ the Lord Is Risen Today	VT 346
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Time for God's Children	Dimples the Dog and Luka the Llama	Joshua and Deryll
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Hymn	Lift Your Glad Voices	VT 340
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SHARING

Sharing and Prayer
Bringing our First Fruits
Hymn

Low in the Grave He Lay

Pastor Tom
Shirley Baltzer
VT 333

LISTENING

The First Lesson
Message

“I Know What I Saw!”

Luke 24:1-12
Pastor Tom

RESPONDING

Hymn
Sending
Postlude

Thine Is the Glory

VT 355
Nadine Friesen
Shirley Baltzer

Among Our Friends and in Our Prayers:

- ❖ Please continue to pray for peace and safety in **Ukraine**.
- ❖ Pray for our **youth group**! They are beginning a **study of I John** for the coming 3 months of summer. They will each read on their own and gather once a month to share. You are all invited to pray more effectively by reading along with us! Contact the church office or nurture committee for a reading guide and/or the devotional book that we will be using. – (Jan and Sue, Nurture Committee)

Announcements:

- ❖ **Summer Food 4 Kids** is starting on May 31 at Trinity Mennonite Church. Watch the E-newsletter for more details.
- ❖ **WDC Annual Assembly – July 29 – 31, 2022, Denton, TX** A gathering for everyone who wants to learn more about what’s happening among our Western District Conference churches all the way from Nebraska to Texas! It’s also an opportunity to hear from people who know what they’re doing in faith

formation for all ages, church planting, responding to depression and anxiety among us, and also for families!

❖ **Bethel News:**

- * **Tues, April 19** – Chamber Orchestra concert 7:30 pm
- * **Thurs, April 21**- Artist reception for Student Art Exhibit 6-8pm
- * **Fri, April 22**- Jr. recital, Bryce Wilson, sop. and alto sax, 7pm
- * **Sat, April 23** -Earth day @ Kauffman Museum w/ a bald eagle, 10:30am

❖ **Tabor News:**

- * **Scenes from Musical Theatre**, Aril 21 @ 7pm and 24 @ 3pm
- * Fri, April 22- **Switchgrass String Quartet**, 7pm

- ❖ The **McPherson Community Brass Choir** under the Direction of Jerry Toews will give a Sunday afternoon Concert in The Church of the Brethren, 201 N. Carrie, McPherson, KS on Apr. 24 at 4pm. FREE and FUN. Everyone is invited.

- ❖ Annual spring dinner for the Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies will feature Jim Juhnke, Mennonite Historian speaking on **P.C.Hiebert, Forgotten Leader**, April 30 @ 6:30pm. **Voices of Conscience** exhibit will be on display from 4:30 on the 30th through May 22 at Tabor.

- ❖ Annual central Kansas **Careportal Celebration**: Saturday, April 30 from 4:30pm to 7:30pm at JM Collingwood Barn in Pretty Prairie. Check the bulletin board for more information.