

## John 16:25-33 (NRSV)

<sup>25</sup> “I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures but will tell you plainly of the Father. <sup>26</sup> On that day you will ask in my name. I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup> for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup> I came from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and am going to the Father.”

<sup>29</sup> His disciples said, “Yes, now you are speaking plainly, not in any figure of speech! <sup>30</sup> Now we know that you know all things, and do not need to have anyone question you; by this we believe that you came from God.” <sup>31</sup> Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup> The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each one to his home, and you will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup> I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!”

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# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -  
Making Disciples through  
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

**Second Sunday of Easter, April 24, 2022**

## GATHERING

Gathering Music		Jenny Epp
Welcome, Announcements		Kelly Linnens
Prelude to Worship		Jenny Epp
*Call to Worship	VT 875	Kelly Linnens
<i>Alleluia! Christ is risen!</i>		
<b><i>Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!</i></b>		
*Prayer		VT 876
Hymn	The Strife is O'er	VT 350
Psalm 118:14-17, 19-29		
<i>The LORD is my strength and my might;</i>		
<i>he has become my salvation.</i>		
<b>There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:</b>		
<b>"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;</b>		
<b>the right hand of the LORD is exalted;</b>		
<b>the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."</b>		
<i>I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.</i>		
<b>Open to me the gates of righteousness,</b>		
<b>that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.</b>		
<i>This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.</i>		
<b>I thank you that you have answered me</b>		
<b>and have become my salvation.</b>		
<i>The stone that the builders rejected</i>		
<i>has become the chief cornerstone.</i>		
<b>This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.</b>		
<i>This is the day that the LORD has made;</i>		
<i>let us rejoice and be glad in it.</i>		
<b>You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;</b>		
<b>you are my God, I will extol you.</b>		
<b><i>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,</i></b>		
<b><i>for his steadfast love endures forever.</i></b>		

Hymn In Christ Alone VT 332  
Time for God's Children Aleen Ratzlaff

### SHARING

Sharing and Prayer Nadine Friesen  
Bringing our First Fruits Jenny Epp  
Hymn Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain VT 348

### LISTENING

Message Get Used to Disappointment John 16:25-33  
Doug Miller

### RESPONDING

Hymn We Read the Cross VT 569  
Sending  
Postlude Jenny Epp

### Among Our Friends and in Our Prayers:

- ❖ Let's all **think** of someone we know and love who does not yet know Christ as fully as they could. Ourselves included! And now let's **pray** for them, **that the light and love of Christ will break through for them (for us!) in new ways** in the days to come.
- ❖ Remember our **FMC family members scattered abroad!**
- ❖ **All those grieving** and adjusting to new realities in the past year.
- ❖ Continued prayers for peace and safety in **Ukraine**.

### Announcements:

- ❖ **2022 WDC Annual Assembly** - "United in Purpose, Together in Love" is our WDC Annual Assembly theme for our July 29-31, 2022 gathering at Camp Copass, Denton, TX. There will be time to pray, serve, discern the ministry of the church, and play together.

- ❖ **Summer Food 4 Kids** is starting on May 31 at Trinity Mennonite Church. Watch the E-newsletter for more details.
  
- ❖ **Bethel News:**
  - \* Today – **KIPCOR Film Series** presents *The Revolution Generation* @ 2pm
  - \*Today – **Senior recital** by Kayla Newman, brass, 4pm
  - \*Mon., Apr. 25 – **Wind Ensemble** concert @ 4pm
  
- ❖ **Tabor News:**
  - \*Today – **Scenes from Musical Theatre** @ 3pm
  
- ❖ Today: 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.
  
- ❖ **Voices of Conscience** exhibit will be on display from 4:30 on the 30<sup>th</sup> 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.