

Ridgeview Mennonite Church  
3723 Ridge Road, Gordonville, PA 17529  
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March 3, 2024

*Called by God to learn and share together God's love with all creation.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15 AM

Lent 3  
Christ Among Us: The Way of Mercy  
Worship Leader: Etta Esch  
Music: Sarah & Autumn Rohrer

Prelude  
Gathering *Be Still and Know* VT 37  
Welcome & Announcements  
Lighting the Peace Candle  
Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings

Call to Worship  
L: Give thanks to God, for God is good!  
P: **God's love endures forever.**  
L: Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story.  
P: **God's love endures forever.**  
L: We may make careless choices and lose our way.  
P: **God's love endures forever.**  
L: We call out to God when we are in trouble.  
P: **God's love endures forever.**  
L: God rescues us from our anxieties and fears.  
P: **God's love endures forever.**  
L: God's word sets us free to walk in newness of life.  
P: **God's love endures forever.**  
L: God gathers us in, from the east and the west, from the north and the south.  
*All: For God's unfailing love, we give thanks to the Creator of all that is good.*

Congregational Singing  
*I Sought the Lord* VT 161  
*The Love of God* VT 162  
*Wonderful Grace of Jesus* VT 170

Children's Time:  
Scripture: John 3:14-21  
Message: *Blessed are the Merciful* Ron & Judy Zook  
Ron and Judy pastored at Laurel Street Mennonite Church and New Holland Mennonite Church. Previously they served at Marietta Community Chapel. They live in Lancaster city hosting an intentional community of two to three young adults. They have three children and four grandchildren. They enjoy biking, hiking, camping, gardening, learning new languages, volunteering, and traveling slowly to engage in the local culture, religion, food, and lifestyle. Ron and Judy are looking forward to slowly walking 120 km of the El Camino Frances in April.

Prayer of Confession  
L: Merciful God, we forget that you are the light of the world.  
P: **Forgive us for our short memories.**  
L: Remind us that you are rich in mercy  
P: **when we wander away from you.**  
L: Loving God, convict us of your immense love  
P: **that shines brightly on us.**  
*All: Merciful God, light of the world, we come seeking new life in you.*

Response Song *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* VT 156  
Benediction  
Sending Song

WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY...Lent 4, *Christ Among Us: Showing Us Justice* Kevin Ressler

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wed 9:00 a.m. Food pac  
Mar 12 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Alive...Jeff Raught will be sharing  
Mar 15-16 ACC Assembly @ Ridgeview  
Mar 29, Friday, 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service @ New Holland Mennonite Church

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**VAL KAUFFMAN** is having brain surgery on Tuesday, March 5, at John Hopkins Hospital. Remember her and her family in prayer.

**ACC ASSEMBLY FRIDAY, March 15, 7:00 p.m.** Members of various ACC congregations who live nearby will gather at Ridgeview to watch a virtual presentation by Meghan Good, speaking on the opportunity of the Anabaptist church in this moment. Discussion will follow. Dessert and beverage served in café.

**LANCASTER COUNTY RACIAL EQUITY PROFILE...**In the summer of 2021, YWCA Lancaster and ten other organizations invited The National Equity Atlas to assess racial equity in Lancaster County. They focused on six key areas: demographics, economic vitality, youth readiness, health, justice, and community connections. On Tuesday, March 19, Jill Heine and Rebekah Vandenberg will present the resulting Racial Equity Profile at James Street Mennonite. Ridgeview, East Chestnut St, and Community Mennonite congregations are also invited. The presentation begins at 6 pm with refreshments available at 5:30 pm. We welcome you to attend this vital dialogue. Registration is requested but not required – contact James St office at 717-397-6707 or Rebekah Vandenberg ([bekah@fastmail.com](mailto:bekah@fastmail.com) / 717-968-3503).

### REPORT FOR February 25

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