

Ridgeview Mennonite Church  
3723 Ridge Road, Gordonville, PA 17529  
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March 17, 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 5

**Christ Among Us: The New Covenant**

**Worship Leader:** Debbie Denlinger

**Music:** Julie Sommers, Joanne Dietzel

Prelude

Gathering Song *My Soul Cries Out* VT 412

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Peace Candle

Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings

Call to Worship

L: "The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel. No longer will they teach their neighbors, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord!' because they will all know me, from the least to the greatest."

**P: This new covenant is being offered to us.**

L: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds."

**P: Death must come before resurrection. A seed fallen to the soil and broken open can become life for many.**

**All: This new covenant is being offered to us: to lay down our life and follow.**

L: The life-giving ways of God placed within our minds and written on our hearts, where we are forgiven and our sins remembered no more, where we are God's people and God is our God.

Congregational Singing  
*Sing a New World Into Being* VT 809  
*My Soul Proclaims With Wonder* VT 222  
*New Earth, Heavens New* VT 377

Children's Time: Debbie Denlinger  
Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 119:9-16, John 12:20-33,  
Hebrews 5:5-10

Message: *Life in Christ* John Denlinger

Prayer of Confession

L: O God, we gather before you, seeking your mercy. Hear us, we pray.

**P: We confess that we sin against you.**

L: O God, wash us, make us clean, create in us a new spirit.

**P: Stay close to us, restore us to your truth.**

**All: So that we can cry out with joy, cleansed in your abundant mercy.**

Response Song *Jesus, Be the Center* STS 31

Benediction

Sending Song *Go Now In Peace* VT 835

**WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY...**Palm Sunday, *Christ Among Us, the Way of a Servant* Larry Guenrich

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Wed 9:00 a.m.** Food pac

**Mar 24 1:00 p.m.** Pastoral Search Committee meeting

**Mar 29, Friday, 7:00 p.m.** Good Friday Tenebrae Service @ New Holland Mennonite Church

**Mar 31, Easter** 9:00 a.m. Breakfast; 10:15 a.m. worship (no Sunday school)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 March 10

Offering \$2,020 Education \$100 Attendance 57



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