

Ridgeview Mennonite Church  
3723 Ridge Road, Gordonville, PA 17529  
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April 7, 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

**Worship Leader:** Dick Thomas  
**Music:** Mick Sommers, Joanne Dietzel

### Bright Sunday

Many churches are resurrecting an old Easter custom begun by the Greeks in the early centuries of Christianity-"Holy Humor Sunday" celebrations of Jesus' resurrection on the Sunday after Easter. This celebration happened for centuries in Eastern Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant countries and was observed as a day of joy and laughter with parties and picnic to celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

Psalm 144:15 tells us that 'Happy are the people whose God is the Lord.' Celebrating the resurrection creates the only center that holds. Resurrection joy is like a river running deep in us as individuals and as a faith community. Congregations can have many identities, let ours be that we are a joyous Easter congregation. Even though everything may seem upside down: Our Lamb has conquered, let us follow Jesus!

Prelude

Gathering *Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah* VT 95

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Peace Candle

Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings

Call to Worship

L: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

C: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.

L: When the Lord raised Jesus from the dead, we were like those who dream.

C: Now our mouths are filled with laughter, and our tongues with shouts of joy.

L: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoice.

**All: May all those who have sowed in tears reap with shouts of happy hilarity. Hip hip hooray!**

From Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, Wichita, Kansas

Congregational Singing

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee VT 103

Thine is the Glory VT 355

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name VT 364

Children's Time: Julie Sommers

Scripture: Acts 1:1-14

Message: *When Everything Seems Upside Down* Pastor Klaudia

Response Song *One is the Body* VT 386

Benediction

Sending Song *Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow* VT 70

**NEXT SUNDAY...**Prayer, Acts 9:1-20. Verle Brubaker will give the message

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Tue 10:00 a.m.** Tuesday Alive...Village Voices, a choir from Garden Spot Village, will present a varied program of sacred and secular music.

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

**Thu 6:30 p.m.** Pastoral Search Committee

**Apr 17 Wed 7:00 a.m.** Men's breakfast @ Amos' Place

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE BULLETIN** will be printed Wednesday of this week. Joyce will be out of the office April 11 – 16.

**THANK YOU** so much for offering your social hall to the Intercourse Fire Company's banquet. The members and their spouses enjoyed a relaxing evening. All of the members greatly appreciate your generosity. Thank you for providing such a wonderful space.

Mary Housmann, Banquet Chair

**REPORT FOR March 31**

Offering \$3,195    Education \$600    Attendance 73



**April 7, 2024**

**Pastoral Advisory Council**

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