

# SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

April 3, 2022

10:30 AM

FM 87.9

**Focus:** *As we seek God's way, we move from the fear that there is not enough to the freedom of living within God's abundance*

## Welcome

## Lighting of the Peace Lamp

### Call to Worship

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

**People: who makes a way in the sea and provides rivers in the desert.**

Leader: God fills our lives with love and beauty as sweet fragrance fills the air.

**People: We live within the abundance of God,**

Leader: so let us laugh and shout for joy

*All: as we worship God together.*

## Children's Time

## Opening Songs

### Responsive reading

Leader: Your ways, O God, are higher than our ways.

**People: Your thoughts are higher than our thoughts.**

*One: We seek God's ways.*

*All: Lord, move us from our scarcity mentality into your abundant life.*

### Lenten Prayer of Confession *(Isaiah 55 adapted)*

Leader: Holy One, we seek you while you may be found.

**People: We call upon you while you are near.**

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, for our thoughts are not your thoughts and our ways are not your ways.

**People: Forgive us for believing the myth of scarcity. Help us live into your abundance.**

Leader: As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey, let us see your way more clearly,

*All: and follow your way more faithfully.*

## Offertory Prayer

## Sharing of Joys and Concerns

### Scripture- *John 12:1-8*

*1-3 Six days before Passover, Jesus entered Bethany where Lazarus, so recently raised from the dead, was living. Lazarus and his sisters invited Jesus to dinner at their home. Martha served. Lazarus was one of those sitting at the table with them. Mary came in with a jar of very expensive aromatic oils, anointed and massaged Jesus' feet, and then wiped them with her hair. The fragrance of the oils filled the house.*

*4-6 Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples, even then getting ready to betray him, said, "Why wasn't this oil sold and the money given to the poor? It would have easily brought three hundred silver pieces." He said this not because he cared two cents about the poor but because he was a thief. He was in charge of their common funds, but also embezzled them.*

*7-8 Jesus said, "Let her alone. She's anticipating and honoring the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you. You don't always have me."*

**Message-** "Who is this Jesus?"

### Visual Song of Response

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YApEIjvE6S4>

### Benediction

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U2w0IZZAcVo>

**Worship Leader:** Beth Green

**Message:** Don Green

**Accompanist:** Dixie Otto

**Worship Planner:** Deb Hoover

**Sound Room:** Ryan Critchfield

**Song Leader:** Deb Hoover

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**Live Stream:** Isaac Tice

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**Springs Mennonite Church is Handicap Accessible**

A restroom and elevator are available on the main floor. There is also a restroom located downstairs in the basement. There are also large print song books and hearing devices; please ask an usher for assistance with these items.

**AED (Automated External Defibrillator)** is located at the back of the church near the elevator.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**April 4-** Gene Shoemaker

**April 9-** Sigvard Benson

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**April 6-** Greg & Kim Miller

**Calendar of Events**

**April 4-** Easter Chorus Practice, 7:00 PM

**April 5-** Council Meeting- 7:00 PM

**April 6-** Daughters of Dorcas, 9:30-3:30 PM

**April 11-** Music/Worship Committee Meeting  
Easter Chorus Practice, 7:00 PM

**April 15-** Good Friday Services, 4:00-7:00 PM

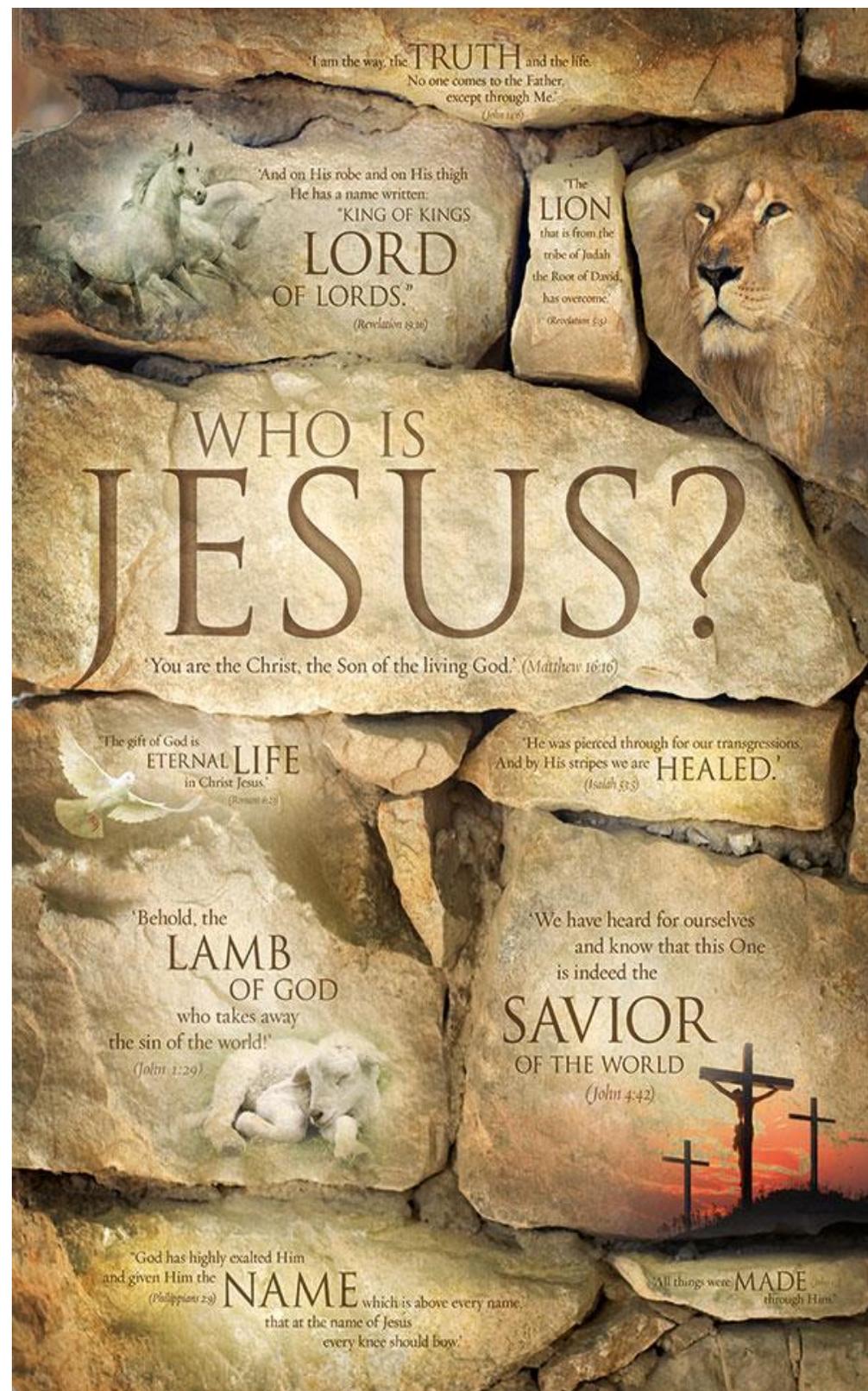
**April 23-** Kids Night/Movie Night 7:00 PM

**April 24-** Allegheny Conference Offering

**March 27, 2022 Totals**

**General Offering** \$1,605.00

**Attendance** 53



*We are planning a Memorial Service on Sunday morning, May 29th in honor of all those who have passed the last couple of years. If you have someone who has passed (does not need to be a member or an attendee at Springs) that you would like to honor, please contact Phoebe Wiley. We are asking that you submit pictures and a short paragraph about the person who you wish to be honored.*

### **The Easter Chorus is back! Spread the word!**

The chorus will be singing during the 10:30 AM Worship Service on April 17th. All those who have missed choral singing are invited to join in. We will be doing two selections from "Behold the Lamb" by Dennis and Nan Allen. The music includes "The Wonderful Cross" and "I Stand in the Presence *with* Behold the Lamb". We believe you will find these to be beautiful arrangements that are still fairly easy to sing. **Copies of the music have been placed in black folders which may be picked up in the sanctuary from the front bench near the piano.** Practice CDs and mp3 files are available by contacting Byron Miller at 301-895-5706. Contact Karin Miller at 301-707-3432 with any questions. **Practice Mondays at 7:00 PM.**

Parents of children ages 6-17 who are planning to send their child to Laurelville should let Carolyn Tice know as soon as they make the decision so the church's portion of the cost can be paid. Note that there is an additional discount of \$25 for those who register before April 15<sup>th</sup>. Questions? See Carolyn Tice or visit the Laurelville website (<https://laurelville.org/program-events/youth/church-camp-pa/>) for more details.

*The Sundays with no Children's Church we invite all children to the front of the church during the children's video/skit, after which they will collect the coins for My Coins Count. On the Sundays we have Children's Church, children will be dismissed during our time of singing. Please be sure to pick your child(ren) up in the gym immediately following the conclusion of our church service.*

*We, the Springs congregation, have been changed by Jesus Christ. Saved by His love and forgiveness, we are empowered to carry forth His ministry through obedience, teaching, service, and healing. Reaching out to all people, by faith we journey together praying, worshiping, and making disciples. By our living in the Spirit, we reflect His love, joy, hope, and peace.*

### **Elder's Meeting March 8, 2022**

In attendance: Pastor John Verburg, Don Green, Ken Detrick, Julia Tice, Deb Brenneman, Sherry Abel

1. Sherry led a devotional, "How Do You Know It Is God's Will?" and closed with prayer.
2. Discussion that Vacation Bible School is being planned.
3. Summer outside Church will be in June, July, and August this year. Church will be at 9:00 a.m. and then Sunday school will follow.
4. If there is bad weather in the summer, a phone tree message will go out between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m. on Sunday notifying that Church will be indoors instead of outdoors.
5. We should monitor the coordination of summer Junior Department Sunday school alternating with Children's Church. We will offer any help needed to keep things moving smoothly.
6. Julia and the Pastor attended the online Allegheny Conference meeting.
7. Deb discussed Children's Sunday school starting in May. **(This has changed! Please see announcement below for further information.)**
8. There will be another announcement in the bulletin regarding the mentor program for our youth.
9. An agreement in principle with the Pastor has been reached. A final covenant document is being prepared.
10. Good Friday services will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., and will be conducted the same as last year.
11. Communion will be served on Easter Sunday.

**Due to Easter falling on our regularly schedule Conference offering Sunday, the Conference offering has been moved to Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.**

***Jr. Department will be having Sunday school classes for children from age 3-8<sup>th</sup> grade on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays during the regular Sunday school hour for the month of May. During the summer months, we will meet during the worship service on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays when there is not Children's Church.***

