

# SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

March 26, 2023

10:30 AM

FM 87.9

Welcome

**Lighting of the Peace Lamp**

**We Gather**

**Call to Worship** *(based on Psalm 130)*

Leader: Out of the depths we cry to you.

**People: Oh Lord, hear our cry.**

Leader: If you kept a record of sins, who would stand a chance?

**People: O Lord, hear our cry.**

Leader: But with you there is forgiveness.

*All: We wait for you, O Lord. We hope in your word.  
Blessed by your name.*

**Prayer of Confession**

Leader: Lord, our lives are dry bones.

We are cruel in our words  
and indifferent in our actions.

We confess to the Lord...

*(silent prayer)*

Leader: Breathe on us, Lord.

Put your Spirit within us  
and make us alive.

*All: We place our hope in you. Amen.*

**Opening Song**

**Offertory Prayer**

*\*\*Children will collect coins for My Coins Count\*\**

**Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Scripture-** *John 11:1-7, 21-27, 32-40*

**Message-** *"You want me to open that door?"*

**Song of Response**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9sE5kEnitqE>

**Benediction**

**Song of Sending**

**John 11:1-7**

*11 Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick." <sup>4</sup> When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup> Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup> So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, <sup>7</sup> and then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."*

**John 11:21-27**

*<sup>21</sup> "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."*

**John 11:32-40**

*<sup>32</sup> When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. <sup>34</sup> "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. <sup>35</sup> Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup> Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" <sup>38</sup> Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. <sup>39</sup> "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." <sup>40</sup> Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"*

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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!**

**March 26-** Mark Folk

**March 31-** Mackenzie Phillips

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**April 1-** Jerry & Sherry Abel

**March 12, 2023 Offering Total**

**General Offering**

**\$4,268.00**

**Attendance**

**112**

**Message:** John Verburg

**Worship Leaders:** Doug & Lori Otto

**Worship Planner:** Deb Hoover

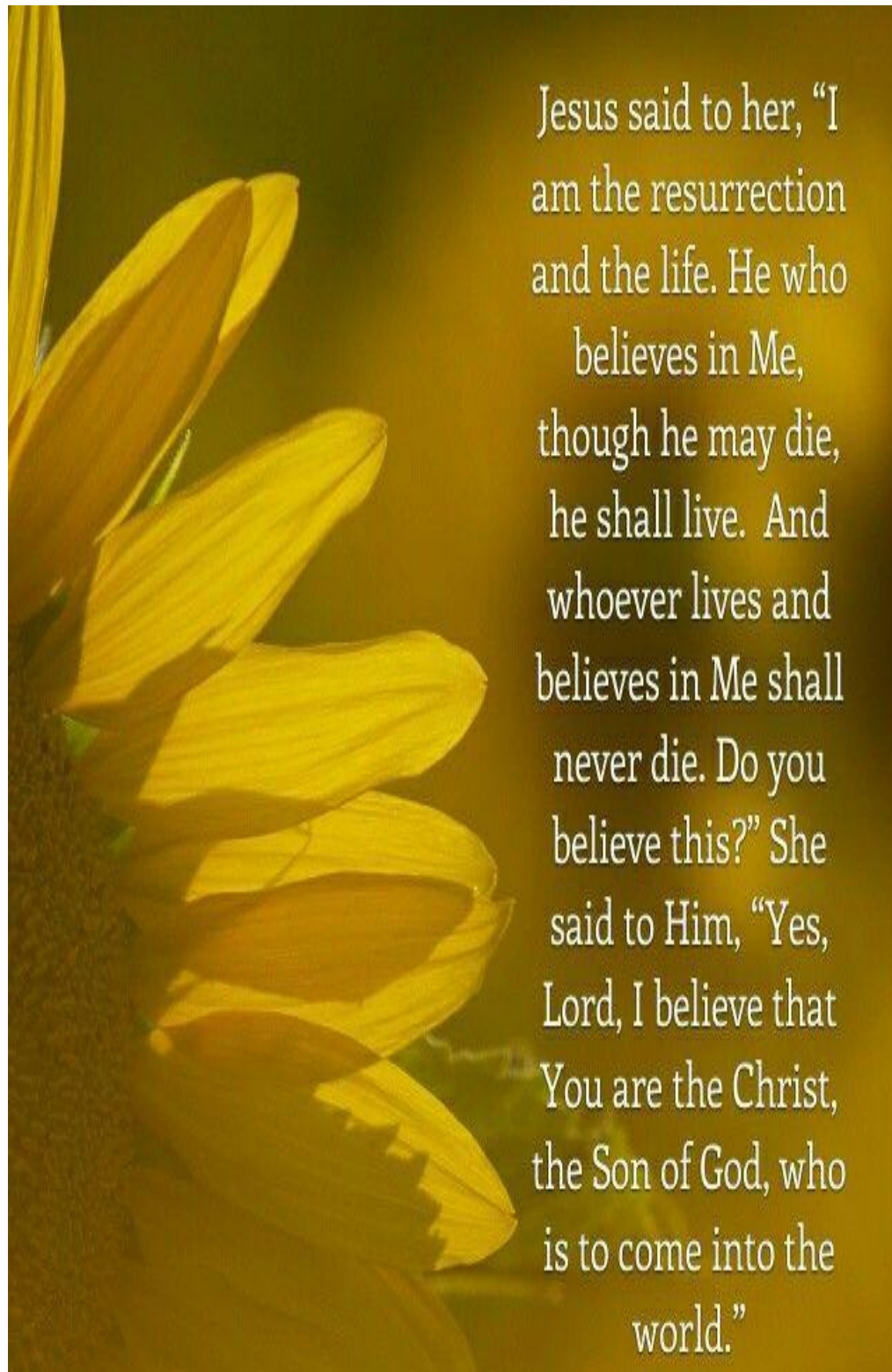
**Accompanist:** Dixie Otto

**Sound Room:** Jerry Abel

**Song Leader:** Rich Beitzel

**Video:** Reuben Tice

**Live Stream:** Isaac Tice & Preston Maust



Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

*Laurelville Summer Camp has opened registration for the children's summer camp for the upcoming summer. There is a \$35 discount for attending an Allegheny Mennonite Conference congregation. Additionally, the church will pay half the cost for the camp. There is also a \$25 discount if you register by April 14<sup>th</sup>. Once you have registered, please let Michelle Maust know so the church can send in the remainder of the payment. You can register via mail or at*

<http://cwngui.campwise.com/apps/onlinereg/pages/login.html>

The Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held this Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 PM. If anyone can donate candy, we need individually wrapped candy to fill the eggs. We are also looking for people interested in helping with the day of the hunt. If you would like to help, please contact Michelle Maust.

### *Schedule for the week of Easter*

**April 6-** Maundy Thursday Service & Foot Washing, 6:00 PM  
Easter Egg Dyeing for the children, 6:00 PM

**April 7-** Church Open for Prayer, 12-6:00 PM

**April 9-** Sunrise Service at John & Faith's, 6:30 AM  
Early Easter Morning Service, 8:30 AM  
Carry-In Breakfast, 9:15 AM  
Regular Church Service, 10:30 AM

**Anyone who can help with filling the Easter eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt please meet at the church on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM. Any help will be greatly appreciated.**

*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.*

### Calendar of Events

**March 29-** Daughters of Dorcas, 9:30-3:30 PM

**March 30-** Elders Meeting, 6:30 PM

**March 31-** Filling Easter Eggs, 6:00 PM

**April 1-** Community Easter Egg Hunt

**April 3-** Worship/Music Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM

**April 4-** Council Meeting, 7:00 PM

**April 6-** Maundy Thursday Service & Foot Washing, 6:00 PM  
Easter Egg Dyeing, 6:00 PM

**April 7-** Church Open for Prayer, 12-6:00 PM

**April 8-** Deliver Easter Baskets to Goodwill, 4:00 PM

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**April 11-** Elders Meeting, 6:30 PM

**April 18-** Elders Meeting, 6:30 PM

**June 10-** Kids Carnival

**June 23-** Grantsville Days Parade

**June 24-** Campfire Cookout

**June 25-29-** Bible School

**July 14-15-** TriState Relief Sale

**For our Maundy Thursday service, people with last names beginning with A-M are requested to bring a shareable plate of cheese and crackers, etc. If your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a shareable plate of fruit, etc. Soup will be provided by the Hospitality Committee.**

All of us pickle-ballers would like to THANK Church Council for approving the placement of tape for a court in the church gym and to Paul Durst, Don Green and Laban Tice for its placement. All are welcome Wednesday nights!

*Our Vacation Bible School will be held June 25-29, 6:00-8:00 PM. Many options to assist are outlined in the invitation that was placed in mailboxes. You can be a **changemaker** for our children! Contact Beth Green, Melissa Durst or Nancy Green for details.*

**The Easter Basket delivery to Goodwill will be held on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Please meet at Goodwill at 4:00 PM.**

*A deposit to My Coins Count on March 23 of \$445.12 brings our current total for 2023 to \$1,837.06.*

The Grantsville Rotary will have a meeting on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 PM at Penn Alps. Christian Mash, the Garrett County State's Attorney, will be there to discuss crime in Garrett County. Please let Sherry Abel know if you are planning to attend. [sherryabel@comcast.net](mailto:sherryabel@comcast.net) or (814) 233-0510.

**Daughters of Dorcas needs help! A number of things that can be done without using a needle are: taking old clothes and other items apart and ironing fabric for making comforter blocks, cutting comforter blocks, and packing finished comforters.**

**We need comforter tops sewn, comforter backs prepared, comforters knotted and hemmed, and quilt tops quilted and bound. At this point we have comforters ready to send to MCC in May and two quilts finished and several others in the process for the TriState Relief Sale in July.**

Lenten Visuals: This fifth Sunday of Lent with our theme, 'Created in the Image of God, Shaped by Jesus,' we are 'called to life'. Our North American culture tries to deny death. The paradox of Lent is that we must face death to find life. We are called to believe in the one who erases the stench of death and makes dry bones live. "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies." (Romans 8:11.) \* The Christ candle is a reminder of the focus of the Lenten season—the life, teachings, and passion of Christ.

**Today the green ribbon on the candle represents life.**

\**Leader*, Fall & Winter 2022-23, Menno Media, p.p. 37 & 45.

## **Significant Items Elders Meeting March 14, 2023**

Those in attendance: John Verburg, Don Green, Ken Detrick, Ed Hoover, Rosie Cupler, and Deb Brenneman.

Devotions were led by Deb based on Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord Approval of February minutes was given.

### **Discussion Items:**

Pastor reported there are some issues with church website.

John will be gone May 9-11 and June 25.

Ben Yoder will be giving the morning message on April 16th.

John gave the Elders an article to read.

Visitation at Goodwill has resumed.

Expressions of support for John and Faith were given.

There was further discussion about starting up children and youth activities.

Summer worship was discussed, with July being deemed for outside worship. In case of rain, services will be inside; further details to come.

A list of Holy Week activities was discussed and will be listed in the bulletin.

Assignments were given. Meeting closed with prayer for the church and community.

Next meeting Tuesday April 18th 6:30 P.M.

**ATTENTION SINGERS! Here are the dates for the Easter choral group practices here at the church. If you have not already done so, please get a folder with CD & music on the front pew by the piano. Learn the two very simple songs and join us for practice. If you have an issue with one or more practice times, please contact Deb Hoover, (814) 279-4085 (text or call). Please join us!**

**Wednesday, March 29 – 6:30 PM**

**Saturday, April 8 – 10:00 AM (quick practice)**