

## **PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION**

### **WMC FAMILY... Neufeld, Helmet & Lois**

...Health, healing, comfort: Esther (Betty A's sister)

...Resurrection Greetings from the staff of Mennonite Church

Canada to the sibling congregations of MCC! Over the next week in worship, our congregations will journey through palms and parades, to the cross, and gaze amazed upon the empty tomb. May our congregations experience the renewal of resurrection life, heeding Christ's call and example to radical and sacrificial love made manifest in all our relations. Praying with you all in this season, with the words of Joanna Harader (2012), from Voices Together #896.

God of the foolish cross, you are not the savior we expect. Your power does not look like the power we want our God to demonstrate.

Your wisdom makes no sense to us. We are happy to join the crowd,

waving branches, but not so sure we want to follow you into the temple courts, into the upper room, into the garden of Gethsemane

to the foot of the cross. Forgive our false assumptions.

Clarify our clouded vision. Free us to relax into the foolishness Of your love and grace.

Amen

Christ has Risen!

Christ has Risen indeed!

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### **WMC's Identity Statement:**

‘With our feet firmly planted in our Anabaptist and Mennonite beginning, we work to reach out with our hands to welcome and lift up all who come here. We encourage one another with the heart of Christ to learn and to grow in spiritual maturity and to take amazing risks for God.

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## **Whitewater Mennonite Church**



**April 9th, 2023**

**Easter Sunday**

Worship Leader: Don Engbrecht

Music: George & Catherine Heide

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

## The Resurrection of Jesus

**28** After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. **2** And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. **3** His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. **4** For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. **5** But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. **6** He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he<sup>[a]</sup> lay. **7** Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead,<sup>[b]</sup> and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” **8** So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. **9** Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. **10** Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

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We acknowledge our presence on the traditional lands of the Cree, Ojibway, Dakota and Metis nations. We recognize that we are all guests on this land and will be mindful of our impact as we critically look at colonial histories and present-day implications. We acknowledge this as a first step in fulfilling our responsibility and commitment to truth and reconciliation.

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**April 12** – Agnes Epp’s funeral 1pm

**Camp needs you!** We are in need of Health Officers, Kitchen Help, Maintenance Help, and Camp Pastors for each week to keep our community safe, well-fed and supported! You can find the spring and summer schedule, more information, and an online application at [campswithmeaning.org/staff](http://campswithmeaning.org/staff) or contact the office at [camps@mennochurch.mb.ca](mailto:camps@mennochurch.mb.ca) or 204-895-2267.

### Could it be that God is singing? Faith and Life Choirs Spring Concerts.

Saturday, May 6, 7:00pm, First Mennonite Church, Winnipeg. Sunday, May 7, 3:00pm, Emmanuel Mennonite Church, Winkler. A freewill offering will be taken for the ministry of the choirs.

### Cycle for a cause – support MCC’s health projects around the world

**through Cycle Clear Lake!** Join us on Saturday, July 1 for a 34 km trail ride in Riding Mountain National Park by coming for the day or camping for the weekend. Check out [mccmb.ca/cycleclearlake](http://mccmb.ca/cycleclearlake) for full event and registration information.

**MCM Mondays** – April 17, 8:00 pm online. How is food insecurity being addressed in Manitoba? Hear Elim Mennonite’s response to food insecurity in their community and how farmers are also stepping into the conversation. Conversation will be guided by Melanie Neufeld, Director of Mission Engagement. Find the Zoom link and future topics at [www.mennochurch.mb.ca/mcmmondays](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca/mcmmondays)

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