



## Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship

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### Easter Sunday: Restore us, O God! We live.

**Focus statement:** When our hopes for what will bring life are shattered, we come to the tomb feeling lost, confused, disillusioned, and afraid. But it is precisely there that God meets us—revealed in the mystery of the risen Christ. God, the Author of life, empowers us to live fully and enables us to praise once again. We dance, we sing, we proclaim: Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

#### Gathering for Worship

##### Songs

*Oh, how good is Christ the Lord*

purple, 90

*Christ has arisen*

blue, 267

*Lift your glad voices*

blue, 275

##### Call to Worship

Leader: When all hope seems lost, Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen, indeed!**

Leader: When fear hovers close at hand, Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen, indeed!**

Leader: When disillusionment and despair threaten us, Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen, indeed!**

Leader: Come! Celebrate the risen Lord! Alleluia!

#### Hearing God's Word

Song: *Will the Children?*

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Children's Time

Merrill Krabill

Offering

Offertory

Easter Choir

*Sanctus*, by Jill Gallina

*In the barren ground*, by Sally Ann Morris and Adam L. Tice

## Affirmation of Faith

Leader: O living God, who raised Jesus from the dead  
we shout your great victory;  
we sing hymns of praise!

**People: Even when our hearts are heavy  
and our eyes are dimmed by sorrow,  
you are faithful.**

**You wipe away all tears  
and bring joy in the morning.**

Leader: Teach us, O God, to trust your gracious love,  
to rest in your unfailing goodness,  
to hope in your true promise,  
that we may rejoice all our days  
and share the good news:

**All: Alleluia! Amen!**

**Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!**

Song: *Christ who left his home in glory* blue, 283

Scripture: John 20:11-18

Sermon: "Remembering . . . and Encountering" Dan Schrock

## Responding

Communion

*(The communion drink and bread are free  
of gluten, nuts, milk and grapes.)*

Song: *Christ is alive* purple, 89

Congregational Sharing and Prayer Marilyn Rudy-Froese

## Transition to Fellowship and Sunday School

Welcome & Introduction of Visitors

*(Please pass the friendship registers.)*

Announcements

Song: *Praise God from whom* blue, 118

Sending Words: *May the same power of love that raised Jesus from the  
dead fill you with life, empowering you to live fully, to love freely,  
and to praise God with your whole being. Praise be to God! Amen.*

## Worship Participants:

Worship Leader: Marilyn Rudy-Froese

Song Leader: Andrea Bontrager Yoder

Pianist: Patsy Sherer

Ushers: Ron and Lori Good

AV Operator: Ben Buckwalter

Visuals: Merrill Krabill

*Hearing assistance devices are available in the room beside the doors to the  
sanctuary. Please see the AV operator if you would like one.*

*We offer childcare during worship after children's time for infants &  
toddlers. Children under 2 years of age may go to the Cherub Corner room,  
while 2 and 3 year olds may go to the MYF room.*

Infant Care: Sarah Morrison, Rita and Jud Gingrich

Toddler Care: John Hooley, Laverne Nafziger



*Nurture Classes do not meet today. You are invited to enjoy a time of  
fellowship after the worship service.*

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