

# First Sunday of Eastertide

April 8, 2018

Musical preparation for worship                      Jana Miller & Kelly Steiner

Welcome

Call to Worship "*Setting Out Once Again*"

an excerpt from video:

*This was not the garden,  
but a new world made from the eruption of hope  
and a life that could not be held down.  
We were witnesses to the life  
that rose from the dead.  
God's relentless love, who comes close to us  
moving stones from tombs,  
opening the heart to another possibility,  
death no longer stands.*

Hymn SS#89 "Christ is alive"

Children's Time

Jeremy South

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. Every child in every land, Jesus holds them in his hand. Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Announcements

Offering

Hymn #267 "Christ has arisen"

Ensemble & congregation

Scripture 2 Corinthians 4:7-10; 5:14-17

Sermon "What do we need, then?"

Shannon Dycus

Hymn #269 "Thine is the glory"

Passing the Friendship Register

Sharing of sermon responses, joys, and introduction of guests

Congregational prayer

Bob Brown

Closing Hymn #276 "This joyful Eastertide"

Blessing

Postlude

In lieu of applause, we encourage a hearty "AMEN."

Co-pastors: Bob Brown & Shannon Dycus

Faith Formation Coordinator & Pastoral Intern: Ben Tapper

Trustees: Gloria Hood, Randy Stoesz, Ralph Stutzman

Care Team: Annette Bolton, Heidi Boschmann Amstutz, Ted Danielson,

Linda Dixon, Robin Helmuth, Mary Liechty, Kevin Rosner,

Rachel Showalter, Ben Tapper

Worship Leader: Kenda Resler Friend                      Song Leader: Erin Rodman

Greeters: Erv Boschmann & granddaughter      Ushers: Lisa Miller & Sue Turner

Ministers: Each participant in the congregation

Join us for fellowship in the fellowship hall following the worship service.

Coffee and hot tea will be available during this time.

Children's and MYF classes meet today in regular classrooms.

## Adult Sunday school classes

Issues of Faith is a seven-week class facilitated by our Faith in Action commission to discuss the primary challenges for families seeking to thrive in Indiana. *Faith in Indiana (formerly IndyCan)* is and has been a helpful network for us to engage in issues impacting our community and we want to discuss the six issues on their agenda: Pre-K for All (April 15), Ending Gun Violence (April 22), Jobs for All (April 29), Ending Mass Deportation (May 6), Ending Mass Incarceration (May 13), Healthcare for All (May 20). Using multiple speakers who are experts in each of these issues, we want to be aware of the issues and be able to encourage helpful information for others. This class will empower us to do so and identify next steps in our faithfulness. Meets in the multi-purpose room.

Reading From the Margins: Suffering and Hope . Faithfulness and Justice. (Four-week class). Using recent articles written by Ben Tapper from *The Mennonite and Christianity Now*, Ben will lead discussions of each article. The articles capture these theological tensions and will become platform for discussion of how we engage and discern God's invitation. Today's class will begin with *Malnourished Hope* published March 2018. Meets in the Wisdom room.

## Today and Upcoming at FMC

April 8-15 Family Promise hosting week begins today; sign up at the kiosk.

April 28 All-church retreat

June 8-10 Save the date for Vacation Bible School (VBS) this summer. More fun details coming soon.

## Birthdays

April 9: Noah Gerbrandt

April 10: Steve Haines

April 11: Jakob Amstutz, Becky Fontaine, Meagan Johnson, Cindy Mast

April 12: Diana Furbeck, Eleanor Yoder, Weston Yoder

April 14: Xander Bastuk

## 2 Corinthians 4:7-10; 5:14-17 (Inclusive version)

But this treasure we possess is in earthen vessels, to make it clear that its surpassing power comes from God and not from us. We are afflicted in every way possible, but we are not crushed; we are full of doubts, but we never despair. We are persecuted, but never abandoned; we are struck down, but never destroyed. Continually we carry about in our bodies the death of Jesus, so that in our bodies the life of Jesus may also be revealed.

The love of Christ overwhelms us whenever we reflect on this: that if one person has died for all, then all have died. The reason Christ died for all was so that the living should live no longer for themselves but for Christ, who died and was raised to life for them. And so from now on, we don't look on anyone in terms of mere human judgment. Even if we did once regard Christ in these terms, that is not how we know Christ now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old order has passed away; now everything is new!



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