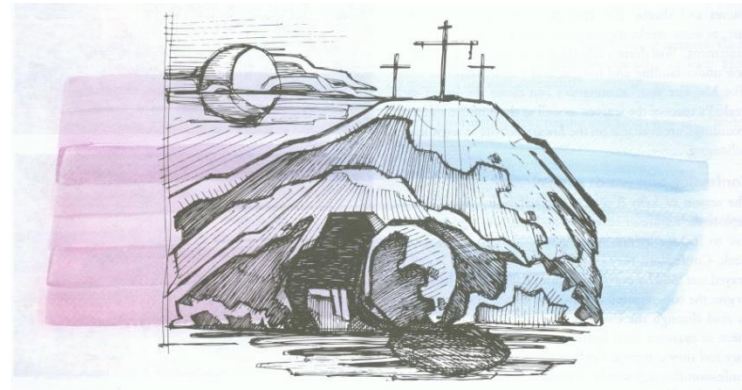


## Prayers and Praises

**Mennonite Mission Network** Last month, Taiwan experienced a powerful earthquake that killed at least nine people. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the people of Taiwan as they grieve the loss of loved ones and rebuild their lives.

**VMMissions:** On Sunday evenings, Tyler and Kendra Yoder are having meetings with people interested in helping them with their upcoming church plant in Richmond, Va. Ask God to provide the right people to support them.

**Pray for the local services for people in need:** Love Inc., Shelter for Help in Emergency, Food Bank, Salvation Army, IMPACT – a justice ministry and PACEM- the initiative for the homeless.



## Lent 4: The courage to covenant March 11, 2018

### Gathering in God's presence

Pre-service music

Call to Worship

Leader: Who comes in the name of God?

Step into the light and be known.

**People: We are coming, through darkness and fear.**

**We come into the light by the power of God.**

Leader: People of God, God has heard your cries  
and is opening a way for you.

**People: We are here, through darkness and fear.**

**We come into the light of this day by the power of God.**

Leader: You are here, and God is here. What will you do?

**People: Together we will worship our God.**

Opening Prayer

Hymns	Come let us all unite to sing	HWB 12
	Breathe on me, breath of God	HWB 356

### Noticing God's presence

Children's story

Confession

Hymn	I sought the Lord	HWB 506
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Scripture	Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-21	
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Sermon

Hymn	O healing river	HWB 372
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## Responding to God's presence

Sharing of joys and concerns / visitor introductions

Pastoral Prayer

Offering      Praise God      HWB 119

Hymn      This little light of mine      HWB 401

Benediction

## Today

Sermon: Maren Hange

**Everyone is invited to stay for the fellowship meal immediately following the worship service.**

## Upcoming Events

Mar 20      Men's breakfast at Bodo's on Preston 7:00 am  
Mar 21      Women's book study: "Waking up white" 7:00 pm  
April 1      Easter breakfast  
May 18-20, 2018      Annual church retreat

## Announcements

Please email all bulletin announcements by Wednesday evening 8:00 pm to Becky. Please include the word "bulletin" in the subject line of the heading.

## Sunday School Information:

We have two adult Sunday School classes that meet at 9:30 in the sanctuary. One is a general discussion group that follows the lectionary and meets in an open space in the front of the sanctuary. The other is usually a book discussion group and meets inside the curtained space in the back of the sanctuary (guests are welcome to attend even if they have not been reading the book). Children's Sunday School classes (preschool through high school) meet at 9:30 in the upstairs classrooms

**IMPACT dates to note:** THE NEHEMIAH ACTION will be held on Tuesday, April 24 at 6:30 in the Martin Luther King Performing Arts Center at Charlottesville High School. This is when members

of the 27 faith communities meet with elected officials, or with persons in position to make change, to present the facts regarding the need for more affordable housing in Charlottesville and Albemarle County. Concrete solutions will be proposed and IMPACT will be seeking commitments from the officials. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Questions? Please see Dottie.

Roy Hange  
The women's book study is meeting bi-weekly on Wednesday evenings reading "Waking up white" by Debbie Irving at 7 pm. For March 21 please read the third chapter "Midlife wakeup calls" pages 61-92.

## Undoing Racism - upcoming events in Charlottesville:

Check out the Cville2Jamestown website for upcoming events and resources: <https://cville2jtown.weebly.com/>