

## Prayers and Praises

**Charlottesville:** We pray for the Spirit of the Resurrection in our city: For a spirit of justice, righteousness, equity, and mutual benefit.

**VMMissions:** Ask God to call more workers to serve with Jacob and Hosanna in South Asia among the largest least-reached people group in the world. Ask God to guide the discerning process of those who are considering serving.

**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.



Charlottesville  
Mennonite  
Church

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10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
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## Living in the power of the Resurrection April 22, 2018

### Gathering in God's presence

Pre-service music

Call to Worship\*

*based on Psalm 23*

One: In the darkest valley,

**All: at the banquet table;**

One: in the hard work of life,

**All: at the moments of ease;**

One: in our day-to-day reality,

**All: at times set aside–**

One: like this time, now–

**All: for worship, for listening, for paying attention;**

One: with every step we take:

**All: goodness and mercy follow us;**

**our cups overflow.**

Opening prayer

Hymns	This is my Father's world	HWB 154
	To God be the glory	HWB 102
	Christ, we do all adore thee	HWB 105

### Noticing God's presence

Children's story

Confession

Hymn	Holy Spirit, come with power	HWB 26
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Scripture	Acts 4:5-12; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18	
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Sermon	Gentle Shepherd, come and be the gate	
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Hymn	Spirit of God! Descend	HWB 502
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## Responding to God's presence

Sharing of joys and concerns / visitor introductions

Pastoral Prayer

Offering      Praise God      HWB 119

Hymn      Will you come and follow me      STS 39

Benediction

## Today

**Sermon: Roy Hange**

\* written by Joanna Harader and posted on *Spacious Faith*.

<https://spaciousfaith.com/>

## This week

Today	Discussion potluck after church	
Tues	IMPACT: Nehemiah Action	
Sat	Annual Church Yard Sale	7-1 pm
Sun	Annual Business meeting and fellowship meal	

## Upcoming Events

Apr 30	Board of Elders	7:15 pm
May 6	Discussion potluck	
May 9	Women's book study: "Waking up white"	7:00 pm
May 13	Discussion potluck	
May 13	Fire Concert at First United Methodist	3:30 pm
May 18-20	Annual church retreat	
May 23	Administrative Council	7:00 pm

## 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.

**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. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Questions? Please see Dottie.

The **women's book study** is meeting bi-weekly on Wednesday evenings reading "Waking up white" by Debbie Irving at 7 pm. For May 9 please read the fifth section "25 years of tossing and turning" pages 113-157.

We are looking for volunteers as nursery co-ordinator starting June 1 and to put together the bulletin starting May 1. Please contact Maren.

**Conversations on a challenging topic:** Sexual orientations in church life. A number of persons from church have begun a discussion series for those interested in talking about these issues. Readings are available in advance. Join us for a potluck lunch and discussion after the church service on 4/22, 5/6, and 5/13. This is the start of a conversation acknowledging diverse views within the congregation. Contact Becky or Andy if you are interested in attending.

## Sunday School Information:

We have two adult Sunday School classes that meet at 9:30 in the sanctuary. One is a Bible study that 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.