

## Prayers and Praises

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Nancy Frey and Bruce Yoder ask for continued prayer for peace in Burkina Faso. They wrote, "We feel safe, but are aware that periodic violence has become part of life. We try to be prepared for the unexpected." Pray for the witness of Mennonite churches as they follow the Prince of Peace.

**VMMissions:** Remember the Board of VMMissions as they meet at Highland Retreat next weekend, April 13-15, for their biennial retreat. Pray for spiritual renewal, deepened relationships, and fresh vision for joining God's redemptive and healing work.

**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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9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
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## Living in the hope of the Resurrection April 8, 2018

### Gathering in God's presence

Introduction service/ led by musician

Preservice Music

Call to worship      Here in the place      HWB 6

Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 23      HWB 814

#### Hymns of Invocation:

Great is the Lord      HWB 87

Jesus Stand Among Us      HWB 25

Holy Spirit Come with Power      HWB 26

#### Litany of Confession

HWB 691

*(Men and Women alternate the leader part)*

**Hymn of Transformation**    O Healing River      HWB 372

Ritual of Remembrance - *naming those we grieve*

"A Life Well-Lived" by Jon Nafziger

#### Ritual of Transformation

Anointing HWB 799 (introduction only)

Reading – Revelation 21:1-4      HWB 860

*(Women-light print /Men-dark print)*

Hymns during a time of anointing

Jesus Rock of Age      HWB 515

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need      HWB 589

#### Ritual for the Healing of the Nations

Reading – Revelation 22:1-5      HWB 861

*(Women-light print/Men dark print/All italics)*

Naming those places in the world we hold in our hearts

For the Healing of the Nations      HWB 367

## Ritual of Thanksgiving

Communion litany – see insert  
Communion Hymn -- Blest are they STJ 94  
Post Communion Hymn  
    I Bind My Heart This Tide HWB 411  
Prayer for the Church - Ephesians 3:14-21

## Responding

Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer  
Announcements  
Offering  
Hymn of Sending/Benediction  
    Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow HWB 118

**Today** Sung Service

## This Week

Wedn Administrative council 7 pm  
Sun Discussion potluck after church

## Upcoming Events

Apr 17 Men's breakfast at Bodo's on Preston 7 am  
Apr 18 Women's Lectio Divina Group 10 am  
Apr 18 Women's book study: "Waking up white" 7 pm  
Apr 22 Discussion potluck after church  
Apr 24 IMPACT: Nehemiah Action  
Apr 29 Annual Business meeting and fellowship meal  
Apr 30 Board of Elders 7:15 pm  
May 6 Discussion potluck  
May 13 Discussion potluck  
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.

**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 April 18 please read the fourth chapter "Rethinking key concepts" pages 93-113.

**Strengthen your connection between Christian spirituality and social change.** Explore Christian spiritual formation practices to nurture and sustain community leadership, engaged ministry, and social activism. For more information about "Christian Spirituality and Social action" and other courses at the 2018 Summer Peacebuilding Institute this May and June, visit our website at [emu.edu/spi](http://emu.edu/spi) and click the course link.

**"Conversations on a challenging topic:** Sexual orientations in church life. A number of persons from church will begin a discussion series April 15 for those interested in talking about these issues. Readings will be available in advance. Join us for a potluck lunch and discussion after the church service on 4/15, 4/22, 5/6, and 5/13. This is the start of a conversation acknowledging diverse views within the congregation. Contact Becky if you are interested in attending.