

## 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:** Pray for safe travels for the Partners in Mission group who will be traveling to Nazareth and Bethlehem on May 11-28. Ask for unity, harmony, and for a spirit of excitement and openness among the group. Pray for adaptability, flexibility, physical strength, health, stamina, and grace.

**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.



## Living in the power of the Resurrection May 6, 2018

### Gathering in God's presence

Pre-service music

Call to Worship based on Psalm 98

One: O sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.

**All: By the strength of God's indwelling presence,  
we too are called to do great things.**

**We are set free through God's forgiveness and truth**

One: Your steadfast love and faithfulness, O God,  
are ever present gifts in our lives.

**All: All the ends of the earth have seen the glory of God.**

**Make a joyful noise all the earth,  
break forth into grateful song and praises.**

Opening prayer

Hymns	This is my father's world	HWB 154
	For God so loved us	HWB 167

### Noticing God's presence

Children's story

Confession

Hymn	As rain from the clouds	STJ 40
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Scripture	Acts 1:15-17,21-26
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Sermon	I am done following Jesus
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Hymn	Great is thy faithfulness	HWB 327
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### Responding to God's presence

Sharing of joys and concerns / visitor introductions



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Mennonite  
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Pastoral Prayer

Offering Praise God HWB 119

Hymn The Lord bless you STJ 76

Benediction

## Today

**Sermon: Roy Hange**

## This week

Today Discussion potluck after church

## Upcoming Events

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  
June 11 Board of Elders 7:15 pm

## Announcements

Please email all bulletin announcements by Friday evening to Maren. Please include the word "bulletin" in the subject line of the heading.

**IMPACT Update:** Twelve people from our congregation joined about 1,000 others this past Tuesday night for IMPACT'S Nehemiah Action to request action from our community leaders to address the issue of affordable rentals in Charlottesville and Albemarle County. The three members of the Albemarle Board of Supervisors in attendance, agreed to work with their board members to try to dedicate some of the Housing Fund revenue to be used to create 150 units for low income seniors over the next five years. The Assistant City Manager and Chair of the Charlottesville Housing Advisory Committee also agreed to the Impact requests, which are to try to streamline the process for approving site plans for projects that provide some affordable

housing. They will also work with the Neighborhood Development Services and the Planning Commission to review the current zoning code, looking for ways to incentivize developers to build more affordable housing. A big thank you to those who were able to attend the meeting on Tuesday!

### **Maren Hange**

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.

**Kelbessa Muleta Demena, Vice President of the Meserete Kristos Church, and Kiros Teka Haddis, President of Meserete Kristos College are coming to Harrisonburg.** Enjoy desert and an evening of sharing with these amazing brothers and hear their stories. Learn what amazing things God is doing in their land. Mark your calendars and plan to join us on Wednesday evening, May 23rd at 7:30 at Harrisonburg, Mennonite Church.

**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 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.