



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 22, 2018

Focus Thoughts: *God calls each of us into a position of simultaneous leadership and servanthood. Does that calling challenge how you see yourself and your work in this world? How does your identity in Christ shape and form your witness in these roles?*

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Gathering Song *Christ is our cornerstone* H 43

Call to Worship (*inspired by Psalm 23*)

In the darkest valley,
at the banquet table;
in the hard work of life,
at the moments of ease;
in our day-to-day reality,
at times set aside—
like this time, now—
for worship, for listening, for paying attention;
with every step we take:
goodness and mercy follow us;
our cups overflow.

WE PRAISE THE RISEN CHRIST

Worship with Song *Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah* H 50
God who touches earth with beauty H 511
This is the threefold truth H 335

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings *offertory*

Doxology with Alleluias

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

Scripture Acts 4: 1-22
Message A Lesson in Leading

WE RECEIVE GOD'S GRACE

Song of Response *God of grace and God of glory* H 366

Confession and Assurance

Sharing and Prayer

Please respond when prompted by the Worship Leader, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Blessing of the Bikes- Commissioning of Roger Kennell and Joe Culpepper

WE GO OUT IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Sending Words

Sending Song *Will you come and follow me* SS 39

Go in peace!

Serving this week:

Worship Leader- *Roger Kennell*; Scripture Reader- *Mike Yoder*
Chorister- *Karen Albrecht*; Musicians- *Jolene Miller, piano, Marge Ulrich, flute*
Message- *April McClure Stewart*
Video- *Dustin Wyse-Fisher*; Audio - *Bob Albrecht, Dwight Hershberger, Jim Thompson,*
Nursery care- *Stewarts*

We give thanks for...

- Youth from our church planning to attend Mennonite camps this summer
- Jane Thompson and Joyce Baranowski's trip to Papua New Guinea to meet Charlotte
- Tino and Rosa, looking forward to another granddaughter in August
- Long-awaited approval of the Barn III loan and local companies soon to be building
- Retirements of Drs. Joe Henry and John Jost and music shared with their communities

We pray for...

- The family of Bonnie Boucher as they grieve her passing
- The Albrecht's grandson, Andrew, in the hospital for treatment of a chronic condition and his family, for patience as they seek treatment together
- Ramona, 7-yr old friend of Jo Hershberger, receiving treatment for a brain tumor
- The staggering loss of life in Syria, those displaced and those responding

Congregations to pray for this week:

- ❖ Saint Peter Lutheran Church, Benson
- ❖ Linn Mennonite Church, Benson
- ❖ Oak Grove Church of the Brethren, Cazenovia

REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK

- Mon, April 23** Women's Book Study gathering-9 a.m.
Pastoral Team Meeting-9 a.m.
- Sun. April 29** Wear Blue for Child Safety Awareness
Nursery: *Lynn Kennell*

Our Purpose - Roanoke Mennonite Church is committed to following Jesus Christ in our daily living. As a member of the Mennonite Church USA, we support each other in worship, nurture each other through fellowship, and share God's love and peace in our communities and beyond.

Our Vision- Roanoke Mennonite Church strives daily to be a vital congregation by:

- Encountering God in fresh ways; being transformed by the mystery of God's presence
- Nurturing healthy relationships; using spiritual gifts and common fellowship to build up the body of Jesus Christ
- Joyously sharing ourselves and our resources so God's healing and hope flow through us to our community and world

Report for April 15, 2018

Budget	\$2,813.52
Online Giving	688.00
Baked Potato Lunch	20.00
Total	\$2,833.52

CAN I GET A WITNESS?

