



## ***Fourth Sunday of Lent***

***Lenten Theme: Dwelling in Dissonance***

***As we step into Lent,  
we say “welcome” to the dissonance.  
We reserve a space for lament and grief,  
to stay a while and do their work.  
We release our nice little pictures  
of perfect selves, perfect faith, perfect world,  
and look for God in the heartache.  
We listen for God in discordant melodies.  
And follow Jesus to the cross,  
though we don’t understand  
and it doesn’t compute.  
As we step into Lent,  
we say, “welcome” to the dissonance.  
Trusting that God is here.  
Now. In the mystery.  
Before it is resolved.***



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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Welcome to Worship!

May we grow in knowing that Jesus understood and demonstrated power differently from what we expect. May we understand more deeply why Jesus willingly gave his life. And may we freely receive and grant the gift of forgiveness!

Gathering Music	<i>Sweet by and By...arr. Mark Hayes</i>	Meghann Rogers
	<i>Sarabande from French Suite Number 5...by J.S. Bach</i>	
	<i>Take the World but Give me Jesus...arr. Victor Labenske</i>	
Welcome and Opening Prayer		Kristin Larson -Jantzi
	<i>Far Away...arr. from "New World Symphony...by Dvorak</i>	Ari Rogers
Lighting of Christ Candle and Peace Lamp		Jack Kaufman
Worship in Song	<i>Build Your Kingdom Here (VT #393)</i>	Music Team*
	<i>God Speaks to us in Bird and Song (VT #593)</i>	
	<i>Oceans (VT #456)</i>	
Offertory	<i>You are Mine...by David Haas</i>	
<b>Children bring offerings up to the globe**</b>		<b>Please pass the attendance books</b>
Children's Time		Danae Kaufman
Greeting and Announcement Time		Kay Schroeder
Scripture	<i>John 18:15-18, 25-27 (NRSVUE)</i>	
Message	<b>Dwelling in Dissonance – Standing up and standing back</b>	Jess Engle
Song of Response	<i>What Wondrous Love is This (VT #564)</i>	
Prayer of the Church		
Benediction		
Postlude	<i>El Shaddai...arr. Wilhelmi</i>	

\*Music Team: Meghann Rogers (piano), Emily Miller, Melissa Waltner Krehbiel, James Krehbiel, Cindy Penner

\*\*Children's Fund This Quarter: Local Habitat for Humanity

But we will give ourselves continually to

# Prayer

and to the ministry of the word. Acts 6:4

Jesus, King of the upside-down kingdom, You move and act in ways we don't expect. You invite us to do the same – to act and respond in ways that don't make sense, to love our enemies, to treat others with kindness, to feed the hungry, help the neighbor we struggle to get along with. Please help us, have mercy on us.

We pray for those who need Your care in whatever way it is needed – known or unknown to others. Be near to all who strive to help – social workers, therapists, counselors, doctors, nurses, aides, helpers in all professions.

We give thanks to God along with Roger and LouAnn Eichelberger who are thanking the Lord God for the continuation of many people's prayers for healing as LouAnn's cognitive condition is improving.

We pray for God's help and healing for Susie Dick, Deanna Dick's daughter-in-law, who is hospitalized due to her chronic infection coming out of remission. We also pray for Frank Gaeddert and Amy Sharp as they receive treatments against cancer.

We give thanks to God for spring break for area schools! We pray for safety for those who are traveling, and renewal for all who are enjoying a pause from their studies and teaching responsibilities.

Along with Christian churches in Bethlehem, the city of peace, and Beit Sahour, the city of the shepherds, we pray for an end to war and violence and for enduring resilience as Christians strive to incarnate the peace, justice and love of Jesus in the Holy Land. May this same vision and commitment extend throughout the Middle East to the ends of the earth, bringing renewal, hope and new life.

Holy Spirit, we again pray for wisdom for leaders, protection for the innocent, comfort for those who grieve, and restraint that prevents further bloodshed. May Your justice and mercy guide all nations toward lasting peace.

God of grace, bring comfort where there is fear, courage where there is despair, and hope where darkness feels overwhelming.

**IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE: March 8: 139**

**VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE: March 8: Villa Residents + 8 guest book signatures**

**OFFERING: March 8:** (and funds received during the previous week)

Budget	\$15,055.44	Children's Globe	\$51.16
Dorcas Circle	\$160.00	KMRS	\$309.63
Genesis	\$100.00	MMN-Sensenig Support	\$10.00
Vessels	\$10.00		

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Sunday, March 22 at 9:00 AM



**Karla Cuca Vásquez, ambassador for the Latin American Anabaptist Seminary (SEMILLA)** in Guatemala will be here to share during Sunday School in the Community Center.

We are inviting and asking all adult Sunday school classes to join us. Karla will also bring the morning's message to the worship service at 10:30 AM.

### Some Visual Lenten Explanations

**The first Sunday** there was a dead plant and a live plant representing the emotions of love and grief such as Mary, Martha and Jesus were feeling after Lazarus died. **Second Sunday** there was a basin with a towel and a pair of dirty shoes or sandals, representing Jesus taking a towel and washing the disciple feet. **Last Sunday** we had a blooming plant depicting something hidden and something visible. The roots represented hiding or fear of being seen, like Peter in the courtyard. The blooms were to signify that we are willing to be seen and Christ's disciples. **Today** we have banners depicting justice and peace, and war and famine. Today, Jesus is before Pilate. Jesus chooses the way of peace by submitting to Pilate's questioning and the crowd yelling to kill Jesus.

**We use purple cloth** during Lent to provide a visual reminder of the suffering of Christ made for us. We are invited to repentance and renewal as we await the joy of Easter (**which will be symbolized with white cloth.**)

You can sign up for the church emails by going to [hesstonmc.org/newsletter](https://hesstonmc.org/newsletter)  
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