

# Warwick River Mennonite Church

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## Easter Sunday - April 16, 2017

*Focus Statement: When our hopes for what will bring life are shattered, we come to the tomb feeling lost, confused, disillusioned, and afraid. But it is precisely there that God meets us- revealed in the mystery of the risen Christ, God, the Author of life, empowers us to live fully and enables us to praise once again. We dance, we sing, we proclaim: Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!*

### Gathering

String Prelude

Welcome and Time of Greeting

\*Invocation

\*Call To Worship

Leader: When all hope seems lost, Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen, indeed!**

Leader: When fear hovers close at hand, Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen, indeed!**

Leader: When disillusionment and despair threaten us, Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen, indeed!**

Leader: Come! Celebrate the risen Lord! Alleluia!

\*Time for Silent Reflection and Preparation

\*Congregational Singing

### Confession

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Leader: O living God, who raised Jesus from the dead we shout your great victory;  
we sing hymns of praise!

**People: Even when our hearts are heavy and our eyes are dimmed by sorrow, you are faithful.  
You wipe away all tears and bring joy in the morning.**

Leader: Teach us, O God, to trust your gracious love, to rest in your unfailing goodness, to hope in your true promise, that we may rejoice all our days and share the good news:

**All: Alleluia! Amen!**

**Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!**

### Hearing

Scripture Reading

John 21 : 1-19

Hymn of Preparation

Message of Worship

*“Restore us, O God! We live.”*

John Dey

### Responding

\*Hymn of Response

Sharing of Announcements, Blessings, Concerns

Pastoral Prayer/Prayer of Dedication

Offering

Offertory

*“What did he do”*

Men’s Ensemble

### Sending

\*Prayer of Sending

Leader: May the same power of love that raised Jesus from the dead fill you with life, empowering you to live fully, to love freely, and to praise God with your whole being. Praise be to God!

\*Song of Sending

Worship Leader: Kathryn Baer

Song Leader: Jay Shenk

Next Week’s Scriptures: Romans 12: 1-2
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### **This Week's Events:**

- ◆ *Wed. April 19<sup>th</sup>* – 6:00 p.m. Fellowship supper, Kids Club, Youth Groups, Bible study.
- ◆ *Sat. April 22<sup>nd</sup>* – 8:00 a.m. WRCS Color Run at Riverview Farm Park.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- ◆ *Wed. April 26<sup>th</sup>* - 6:00 p.m. Final Wednesday evening worship for this semester.
- ◆ *Thurs. April 27<sup>th</sup>* - 6:00 p.m. Sr. Fellowship supper followed by 7:00 p.m. program featuring, Susan Ackerman, sharing about her recent trip to Indonesia.

### **A Vision of Hope and Healing**



**He is Risen!**

**WRMC Kids Club – Kallie, Age 7**

**“Restore us, O God! We live.”**



**My Vision of Healing & Hope – Mikey, Age 7  
WRMC Kids Club**

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**Vision: Healing & Hope**

*God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace, so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.*