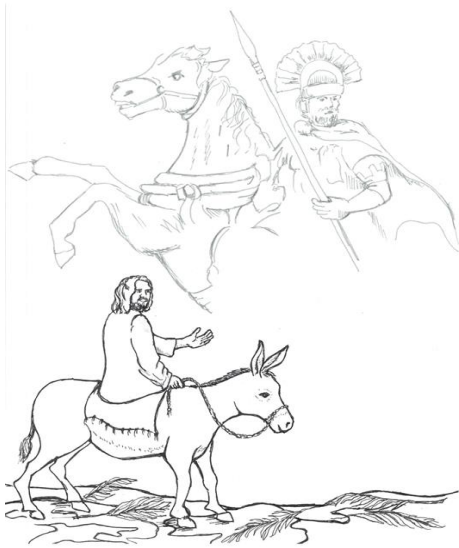


“From Power Over to Power With”

*In-person Service meets in Warwick River Chapel
located directly behind the Church building*

*Virtual Worship Service and Sunday School
will continue to be available via ZOOM – details inside.*

The Sermon is recorded for replay at www.warwickrivermennonite.org



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April 10, 2022

Palm and Passion Sunday

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.

WELCOME HOME TO Warwick River Mennonite Church

Palm and Passion Sunday Sunday Worship Service April 10, 2022

In-person and Virtual Sunday School: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Virtual Coffee Connect: 10 a.m.

In-person and Virtual Worship Service: 10:40 a.m.

In-person Coffee Connect follows Worship Service



Pastor - John M. Dey [johnmichaeldev@gmail.com]

District Overseer – David Lehman Church Elder – Tammara Geary

Congregation Chair - Lisa Ziegler

Christian Education Chair - Ann Aulich Outreach Chair - Sue Yoder

Fellowship Chair - Theresa Siebels Stewardship Chair - Tom Salyers;

Members-at-Large - Laura Siebels & Ursula Bock

Secretary - Pat O'Connor Office Hours: 9:30am – 3:30pm [Tue; Wed; Thu; Fri]

Masks are required to be worn by each person entering the Chapel for Sunday Worship Service

-- Centering Time --

Focus statement: *As we seek God's way, we move from an understanding of power that grasps for control over others to an understanding that true power comes from working with and for others in love.*

-- Gathering --

Welcome and Invocation

Time for Greeting

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Together we seek the way of God, a way so different from the ways of this world.

People: **We remind ourselves to loosen our grasp, to trust instead of control.**

Leader: We praise a God we cannot see and celebrate a salvation we do not understand.

People: **In worship we give of ourselves and we receive the disarming power of God.**

Leader: We cry:

All: ***Blessed is the One who comes in the power of God's name.***

-- Confessing --

Responsive Reading

Leader: Your ways, O God, are higher than our ways.

People: Your thoughts are higher than our thoughts.

Leader: We seek God's ways.

All: Lord, move us from seeking the power to control others to instead using power with them for everyone's healing and wholeness.

Lenten Prayer of Confession (Isaiah 55 adapted)

Leader: Holy One, we seek you while you may be found.

People: We call upon you while you are near.

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, for our thoughts are not your thoughts and our ways are not your ways.

People: Forgive us for seeking power over others and let us instead seek power with and for the most vulnerable.

Leader: As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey, let us see your way more clearly

All: and follow your way more faithfully.

Prayer of Assurance

We give thanks to you, O God, that our wisdom is not your wisdom, our ways are not your ways. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. The horse that led the victorious warrior got lost, while the donkey still knows the way. As children on our bikes, we learned that although our instincts tell us to hold on tight and try to turn when caught in a rut, a loose grip will guide us through. Gracious God, your way shows that all those who try to hold on tightly will fall, while all those who hold with the light hands of trust will stand together. Although we may feel rejected as Jesus was rejected, we trust that we stand together in your powerful love. Amen.

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:1-49; Philippians 2:5-11

***Palm Procession and Hymn**

Time for Silent Reflection

Sermon Title: "From Power Over to Power With" ~ Pastor John Dey



-- Responding to God's Word --

Hymn of Response

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer/Offertory Prayer

Time for Announcements

-- Sending --

*Prayer of Sending

From this time and place into whatever awaits, may you follow God's way of empowerment. May you resist the temptation to hold power over others and learn to exercise power with others in love. As you go, know that our God of the wilderness goes with you on the way. Amen.

*Song of Sending

Serving Today:

Pastor John M. Dey

Worship Leader: Ursula Bock

Song Leader: Mel Shenk

Readers: James & Samantha Salyers

Zoom Host: Mackenzie Butler Shenk

Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ Please pray for all the people of Ukraine and all the helpers here and abroad, that the Lord may deliver us from this serious threat to peace.
- ❖ ***"Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise." ~ Jeremiah 17:14***
- ❖ Christy Harrison and Peter Sensenig, jointly serving with Eastern Mennonite Missions and Mennonite Mission Network, traveled to Benin and Chad in preparation for a new ministry among Muslim and Christian believers. Pray for them as they complete their assignment at Paris (France) Mennonite Center and discern God's leading into their next ministry location.
- ❖ ***"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." ~ 2 Timothy 1:6-7***
- ❖ *Prayer/Praise concerns are always welcome & may be requested & updated by calling or emailing Pat O'Connor in the front office: (757)-874-0794 or warwickrivermc@gmail.com*



Sunday School

- **Preschool Class: Katherine Hunnicutt 09:30-10:30**
Attend in-person class only.
LOCATION: WRCS SCHOOL BUILDING, 1st Floor
- **Middler Class: Ann Aulich 09:30-10:30**
Attend in-person class only.
LOCATION: WRCS SCHOOL BUILDING, 1st Floor
- **Adult Class: Sue Yoder 09:30-10:30**
Lively discussion type class. This Spring quarter 2022 we are studying the book of Mark (Theme: “Disciples & Stewards”)
Attend in-person OR virtually.
LOCATION: WRCS SCHOOL BUILDING, 2nd Floor

Join Adult Sunday School via Zoom:

Zoom Link: [Click Here](#) to enter Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 817 4044 5865

*When you join, you will enter a waiting room and then be admitted individually

Phone: 301-715-8592 / 817 4044 5865

Happy Birthday ~

April 10	Ernie Miller
April 11	Johnnie Stafford, Sr.
April 13	Lisa Ziegler
April 16	Lena Aulich; Brad Guisewite
April 17	Kathy Saunders; Mackenzie Shenk
April 19	Evelyn Hertzler
April 20	Carmen Stover
April 21	Andrew Crumly

Happy Anniversary ~

April 12	Jim & Nikki Boldly
April 16	David & Dawn Wing



Attendance Report: APRIL 3, 2022- Sunday School: 19 / Worship Service: 52

Offering Report April 3, 2022

\$ 3,365.00	Mail Offertory totals this week toward FY2022
\$ 50.00	Building Fund
<u>\$ 0.00(net)</u>	<u>E-giving support totals this week</u>
\$ 3,415.00	Offertory Total 04/03/2022

Budget Offertory collected YTD (12/01/2021-04/03/2022= \$49,627.06)

Total Budgeted need 12/01/2021-04/03/2022=\$66,361.14

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

03/27/2022 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,531,488.05*
04/03/2022	50.00
04/03/2022 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,531,538.05*

(*includes \$12,947.05 estimated value stock shares)

We are grateful for your financial support and committed to exercising faithful stewardship over the funds contributed to us. We are aware of the many sacrifices you make to provide these gifts, and sincerely pledge to see that these dollars are used wisely, especially during this time of uncertainty.

To assist everyone in making consistent offerings that are so important to your church, we are now able to accept ACH savings/checking drafts as well as PayPal. Please inform Pat in the front office as to the date and amount of ACH transfers along with any special instructions so that we may watch for receipt.

For PayPal, please go directly to: [Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com)

