

March 29, 2026
“Reflections on Palm Sunday and Christ’s
Passion”

~Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson



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WELCOME HOME TO Warwick River Mennonite Church

In-person Sunday School: 9:30-10:30 AM

Virtual Coffee Connect: 10 AM

In-person and Virtual Worship Service: 10:40 AM

In-person Coffee Connect follows Worship Service

Recorded Sermons available at www.warwickrivermennonite.org

Leadership

Church office hours: 9 AM – Noon Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:30 AM – 4:30 PM Friday. If you have questions, concerns, or compliments you may contact any of the following people.

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Serving Today

Sermon: Steve Wiebe-Johnson

Worship Leader: Susan Ackerman

Song Leader: Noah Shenk

Reader: Steve Fannin

Zoom Host: Rachael Shenk

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***Worship Service * Sunday School * Meetings ***

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

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-- *Gathering* --

Welcome

*Sixth Sunday of Lent

One: Welcome Lent.
All this mystery...

All: *Joy and sadness, fear, and grief.*

One: We struggle—wanting resolution.

All: *Doubts wrestle with belief.*

One: Meet us in this sacred searching.

All: *Meet us in the loss and pain.*

One: In the tension of this dissonance,

All: *we yearn for the peace of your reign.*

*Song of Welcome and Gathering

Call to Worship

**All: *We gather to worship God
and to look back on where we've been;***

One: we see old hopes, plans, and dreams,
remembered "Hosannas!"
and these weeks of Lent.

**All: *We gather to worship God
and to look at where we are now,***

One: at Jesus re-defining triumph;
and the king on the cross instead of a throne.

**All: *We gather to worship God
and to wonder at this mystery,***

One: of salvation that comes so strangely;
of life that comes through death;
of brokenness meeting grace.

*Song of Preparation

-- Hearing God's Word --

Sermon, Parts 1 and 2: ~ *Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson*
Scripture Reading, : John 12:12-27
Part 1: "Reflection on Palm Sunday"

Dramatic sketch: Then and Now

2nd Scripture reading: John 19:16b-22
Part 2: "Reflection on Christ's Passion"

Monologue: A Disciples Story

Confession Poem

Jesus, this story is not the one we expected.
We feel for your disciples, so happy to proclaim you king as you rode into Jerusalem.
We too have been eager to follow, sure about what that will mean,
confident things will turn out well.
We feel for your disciples devastated at your crucifixion.
When we are no longer sure about anything.
When everything we thought we had and knew falls apart.
"Hosanna!" we sang back then, "Save us!"
"Hosanna!" we cry now, "God, please!"
Although the story has shifted, you do save.
You have. You will. You are.

-- Responding to Worship --

***Hymn of Response**

Sermon/message response
Sharing of Blessings and Concerns
Sharing of Announcements
Offertory Prayer & Offertory

-- Sending --

***Song of Sending**


Sending Blessing

As you go,
may you listen for God in the discordant melodies of your life,
in the glittering sadness of palm branches and the hosannas,
the cry, "God save us,"
mixed with the coming shouts of "Crucify him."
In the tension of this dissonance,
may you go with Christ's peace,
to practice holy waiting and longing.

Go in Peace

Upcoming Events

- ❖ *Today, Mar 29th* 9:30 Sunday School
10:40 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
- ❖ *Tues., Mar 31st* 4-6 p.m. WRMC Community Prayer Drop-in
(outdoors in front of Warwick River Christian school)
- ❖ *Thurs., Apr 2nd* 6:30-7 p.m. Maundy Thursday
- ❖ *Sun., Apr 5th* Easter Sunday
- ❖ *Tues., Apr 7th* 7-8 p.m. Worship Commission
- ❖ *Thurs., Apr 9th* 6-8:30 p.m. Threads Together sewing group
- ❖ *Sun., Apr 19th* Fellowship meal following the service
- ❖ *Sun., Apr 19th* Council meeting following the fellowship meal



Please know we are committed to faithful stewardship of every gift God entrusts to us. We honor the many sacrifices made in giving and seek to use each contribution wisely and with care. You are invited to prayerfully consider tithing and giving as you are willing and able and we thank you for your continued interest in & support of the ministry of Warwick River Mennonite Church.

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Happy Birthday!

Mar 29 Nicholas Mumaw

Mar 31 Karen Mumaw

Apr 1 Brenda Lytle

Apr 4 Evangeline Schrock, Don Brunk, Casey Sawyer Nelson

Apr 9 Dakota Wade

Apr 11 Johnnie Stafford, Sr.

Apr 13 Lisa Ziegler

Prayer and Praise Requests

*Spirit of peace,
quiet our hearts,
heal our anxious thoughts,
free us from fretful ways,
Breathe on us your holy calm
so that in the stillness of your presence
we may open ourselves to trust
and be transformed. AMEN*
#729 Hymnal a Worship Book

- ❖ We pray God to unite us in love that is wide enough to embrace the world and personal enough to notice the one.
- ❖ **Prayer Request for Our Pastor and Church Family:** Please join in praying for our pastor as he faithfully leads us forward in the ways of the Lord. Ask God to grant him wisdom, strength, and daily encouragement, and to surround him and his family with peace. Let us also pray for one another — that we walk together in unity and grace, supporting and uplifting each other. May we know the peace of Christ in our day and reflect His love in all we do.
- ❖ **Pray for Nelson Baer** as he looks forward to coming home from Riverside Rehab next week.
- ❖ Prayer and bulletin updates, contact Church Elder Chris Miller, or Church Secretary Twila Blume (757-874-0794) (warwickrivermc@gmail.com).