

Sermon on the Mount Mennonite Church
April 17, 2022
Easter

As we seek God's way, we move from the certainty of knowing how things are to the unsettling openness of realizing God's ways are beyond what we can imagine

Gather in silence and darkness for worship.

Leader: Christ is risen!
People: **He is risen indeed!**

Call to Worship

Leader: Together we seek the way of God—

Group 1: the generous,

Group 2: compassionate,

Group 1: grace-filled,

Group 2: inclusive,

Group 1: abundant,

Group 2: powerful,

Group 1: unsettling,

All: way of God.

Leader: On this day that God has made,
may our hearts be open to the good news:
Christ is not here, for he is risen.

All: Jesus Christ is risen indeed!

Christ the Lord is risen today HWB 280

Low in the grave HWB 273

Scripture reading Isaiah 65:17-25

Communion (w/offering)

I invite you to bring your offering forward as a way to praise God for what he has done for us in Jesus, and celebrate together with bread and cup.

Lift your glad voices HWB 275

Scripture reading John 20:1-18
1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Reflection

- When has your certainty of “the way things are” been rolled away to reveal openness to God's ways?

Prayer

Thine is the glory

HWB 269

Sharing Time

Sending

From this time and place into whatever awaits, may you follow God's way of openness. May you have the courage to step beyond certainty into the unsettling miracle of the resurrection. As you go, give thanks that the Resurrected One leads you toward God's way. *Alleluia!*

Christ who left his home in glory

HWB 283

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