

Assembly Mennonite Church

Eastertide: Encountering the Risen Christ

April 26, 2026

Gathering

VT 30 Jesus Calls Us

Call to Worship

Welcome, Birthday Recognition

VT 640 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Bill Mateer

Susan Mark Landis

Opening Ourselves

Peace Lamp

Leader: Let justice roll down like a river

People: And goodness like an ever-flowing stream.

Offering - VT 604 Nada te turbe

Telling God's Story

VT 282 Come and See

Children's time

Those 3 and under are dismissed for Little Children's time, after which childcare is available.

VT#673 Our God in Heaven

Scripture: John 10:1-15

L: The stories of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Jep Hostetler

Douglas Hulbert

Gayle Gerber Koontz

Sharing our Stories

VT 744 Shepherd Me, O God

Sermon response/Sharing from our lives

Pastoral Prayer

Anna Yoder Schlabach

Sending

Introduction of Visitors

Announcements *If you have an announcement that pertains to the whole congregation, please hand it in writing to the worship leader.*

VT 602 I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes

Benediction

Thanks to: Musicians: Mabel Blunk, Mary Gilbert, Scott Hochstetler, Marna Mateer; Tech Crew: Eric Kaufmann, Casey Stump; Visuals: Kim Glick, CJ Reuel

Second hour:

Gather in an ABC group (by first name- so Anna goes to group A-E) to discuss these questions in response to Gayle's sermon.

1. Do you really believe that Jesus' followers can live abundantly and eternally now and in the future? And if so, **what major experience(s) feeds your conviction?**
2. My understanding of Jesus has deepened over the years. **How have your understandings changed** through time and for what reasons?
3. Do you think it is important for Christians to have a "high" Christology? **To emphasize that Jesus and God are one, especially in a time when interreligious relationships often seem fraught with tension?** Why or why not?
4. The image of a sheepfold is complex. What do you see as the most important kind of tensions **within** Jesus' sheepfold and how can they be addressed?

ABC group locations (by your first name):

A-E: Worship space

F-K: Gathering space alcove

L-Q: Multipurpose south

R-Z: Multipurpose north

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