

Assembly Mennonite Church

Eastertide: Encountering the Risen Christ

May 17, 2026

Gathering

VT 57 Holy Spirit, Come with Power
Call to Worship
Welcome
Birthday Recognition
VT 694 Tears of Suffering

Beverly Lapp
Dan Koop Liechty

Opening Ourselves

Peace Lamp

Jill Koop Liechty

Leader: Let justice roll down like a river

People: And goodness like an ever-flowing stream.

Offering

VT 698 Somebody Prayed for Me

Offering Prayer

Karl Shelly

Teacher Recognition

Bethany Swope

Telling God's Story

VT 282 Come and See

Children's Time

Moriah Hurst

Presentation of Bibles

after which childcare is available

VT 673 Our God in Heaven

Scripture: John 17:1-11

Lori Yoder Martin

L: The stories of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God

Plowshares Prayer

Reflections

Sharing our Stories

Response/Sharing from our lives

Pastoral Prayer

Anna Yoder Schlabach

Sending

Introduction of Visitors

Dan Koop Liechty

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

VT 455 Make Us One

Benediction

Mary Lehman Yoder

Thanks to: Musicians: Wilma Harder, Bev Lapp, Patricia Nuyken; Tech Crew: Jep Hostetler & Logan Swartzendruber; Artwork: CJ Reuel

Second hour: ABC groups (by first name). Groups begin 10 minutes after the benediction to discuss these questions.

1. Is there a difference between thoughts and prayers? If so, what is it?
2. Below is the rubric for how Denim gathers. Does your small group have its own format? Could this format work in your small group?

How Small Group Denim Starts its Meetings

1. **Releasing the day.** *Our gathering starts with us finding a seat, and in our own way, releasing the day, quieting our busy minds, and preparing to listen.*
2. The **focus.** *The evening's presenter offers the focus – something that interests the presenter and has caused them to reflect (a reading, recording, poem, question, painting, etc.).*
3. **Silence.** *We take 5 minutes of silence to let it sink in and to notice how you respond, connect. Close your eyes if that helps. Or not.*
4. **Response.** *Each person has a chance to respond briefly, with one response, thought, question, or association that came to you from the presentation (not from what others have said).*
5. **Conversation.** *After everyone who wants to speak has (it's ok to pass), you can respond to what someone else said or add additional thoughts. This part can be more conversational and over snacks.*

ABC group locations (by your first name):

A-E: Worship space corner near parking lot

F-K: Worship space, other corner near playground

L-Q: Multipurpose south

R-Z: Multipurpose north

HEARING ASSISTANCE

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