

**April 12, 2026**  
**Practicing Resurrection**

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**FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP**

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**Worship: 10:00 AM**

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Today we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Death could not defeat him. Jesus lives!

**1. GATHERING**

**Prelude (Stan)**

**Call to Worship: #876**

Living God,  
for whom no door is closed,  
no heart is locked,  
draw us beyond our doubts,  
till we see your Christ  
and touch his wounds  
where they bleed in others.

*“The whole point of the Resurrection stories - and the Resurrection itself - is that we don't recognize Jesus when he comes back to us.” — Jay Parini*

**Opening Prayer for the Easter Season (adapted from Black Liturgies)**

God who rose, resurrect us. No longer will we belong to all that demands our death. Let joy find us today. Remind us that any spirituality which is always death and never resurrection is a farce.

What liberation we taste today, may we crave in full as we refuse to wander back to the chains that once held us.

May joy find us.

Not a joy absent of story or sorrow, not a joy quick to forget the agony of Good Friday or the doubt of Silent Saturday, but one that rises to meet hope, nonetheless.

This Easter season, may we know that our liberation is whispering up at us from its empty grave.

**Congregational Singing (Stan)**

## Welcome and Passing of the Peace

**Leader:** May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** And also, with you.

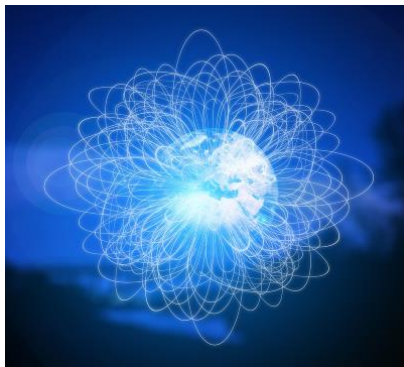
**Leader:** Let us offer one another signs of peace, reconciliation, and love.

## 2. HEARING GOD'S WORD

### Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 11: 17 -26

17 Now in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. 18 For, to begin with, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you... 19 Indeed, there have to be factions among you, for only so will it become clear who among you are genuine. 20 When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord's supper. 21 For when the time comes to eat, each of you proceeds to eat your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk. 22 What! Do you not have households to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing?

23 For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



### Sermon: "Practicing Resurrection"

Of course one way to "practice resurrection" is to do, repeatedly, those things that Jesus instructed us to do. "Practice," after all, "makes perfect," as they say. How did you practice resurrections this past week?

*"I argue that the resurrection was not the Great Resuscitation. It was a total transformation."  
— Jay Parini*

## 3. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### Communion

### Congregational Singing (Stan)

### Joys and Concerns

### Offering & Music (Stan)

### Sending: #946

In deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people,  
we give ourselves to you.

Send us to live as changed people  
because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same.

Ask much of us,  
expect much from us,  
enable much by us,  
encourage many through us.

So, God, may we glorify you as inhabitants of earth and citizens of heaven. — Amen

### Snacks and Congregational Meeting

*"Transformation is a process, and as life happens there are tons of ups and downs. It's a journey of discovery - there are moments on mountaintops and moments in deep valleys of despair. — Rick Warren*