

Cover Art: *Christ Healing the Blind Man*, a lithograph by Robert Hodgell, ca. 1960s.



*Called to the light*

# WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

***March 19, 2023***

***10:30 A.M.***

## ***Preludes***

“True Light of All Light” ~ *Gilbert M. Martin*

“The Light of the World Is Jesus” ~ *Michael Cox*

“Send the Light” ~ *Humphrey Turner*

## **We Gather**

Opening Song                      *23 by Girl Named Tom*                      Video

Welcome & Prayer

Songs of Praise                      Morning has broken                      #648

See whose glory fills the skies

Worship Music                      Come and be light for our eyes                      *Choir*

Prayer of Confession

Song                      Open the eyes of my heart

## **We Hear God's Word**

Scripture                      1 Samuel 16:1-13

John 9:1-41

Message                      Longing for light                      *Pastor Michael*

## **We Respond**

Song                      Longing for light

Offering                      *MCC Videos*

Testimony                      *Marian Hinkle*

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song                      This little light of mine                      #401

Benediction                      Screen

Postlude                      “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” ~ *Peter Lutkin*

## **This Sunday**

**Worship Leader:** Sue Conrad Howes  
**Greeter:** Les & Linda Rice  
**Organist:** Joan Hallman  
**Musicians:** Brenda Landt, Lynne Rush  
**Videographer:** Mark Kemmerer  
**Visual Technicians:** Marsha High, Emily Rush  
**Sound Technicians:** Glenn High, Rod Rush, Tim Scheetz

## **Sunday School Classes for Winter Quarter**

The Bible Project continues to meet in Room 104 and via Zoom at 8:45 am. We are working our way through the Epistles. Contact Lynne Rush if you would like to join this class.

### **West Swamp Mennonite Church**

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**Pastor:** Michael Howes

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### **Commissions & Deacons:**

**Ministry Team,** Randy Rush

**Community,** Nancy Jacobs

**Discipleship (DISCO),** Katie Mood

**Mission,** Glenn High

**Stewardship,** vacant

**Worship,** Joan Hallman

**Church Secretary:** Lynne Rush

**Treasurer:** Pat Bevan

**Mennonite Mission Network** requests prayer for Elena and Freddy Satalaya and their toddler, Matías, as they transition, after five years of ministry in Peru, to Santa Cruz, Bolivia, where they are serving with Bolivia Mennonite Church. Pray for them as they engage in discipleship training and leadership training.



*Continue to pray for those in our congregation who are experiencing illness and ongoing medical treatment.*

## Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

March 19, 2023

*Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving*

### Calendar

Mar. 19, 12 pm	Sunday Lunch Bunch
Mar. 21, 8 am	Knotting & Quilting
Mar. 22, 7 pm	Choir

**Our thanks and appreciation** for so graciously stepping up to organize, prepare and serve a delicious luncheon following the service celebrating Gary's life. It was meaningful for our family to end the day at West Swamp, where Gary and I and our children had so many wonderful memories. Please give our thanks to all who came and helped to make it possible. With gratitude — *the Stenson family*

**Pat Bevan and her family would like to thank everyone** for the outpouring of love and support provided to them after Jim's passing.

~ **What's Happening at West Swamp** ~

**Sunday Lunch Bunch** will meet at Dominick's in Quakertown after church **today**. You are welcome to join them!

**Care & Share Volunteer Night:** Help process merchandise at Care & Share on **Tuesday, Mar. 28** from 5-8 pm. Choose your workroom and stay as long as you can. Questions? Talk to Karen Parzych.

We are looking forward to hosting the **Easter Dawn service** with Swamp church this year! As hosts we will provide a light breakfast following the service. Please consider volunteering to bring a breakfast item, listed on the sign up sheet on the Fellowship room bulletin board. Thank you.

**Keep those coins coming!** We'll be collecting coins through Mar. 26 for **My Coins Count** to support MCC education projects. Let's see if we can fill the bottle! Short on coins? Bills are OK too. Never been to the MCC Relief Sale at the Harrisburg Farm Show complex? Go with Rod Rush to deliver our "My Coins Count" bottle on April 1. It will be a fun time learning about MCC, with lots of good food to be had. No fooling! Just let Rod if you're interested.

~ **What's Happening in the Community** ~

All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for protection and opportunities for **Ambler Mennonite Church** who is sending a crew to build houses at the Mennonite Disaster Service project in Hurley, Virginia, Mar. 26 – Apr. 1. In 2021, Hurricane Ida caused mudslides and flooding in Hurley, destroying many homes, but the damage wasn't widespread enough to qualify for FEMA assistance, so MDS has been sending volunteer crews to build new housing.

**Brother's In Grace**, a gospel quartet, will be performing Sunday, Mar. 26 at 10:30 am at Salem Mennonite Church. All are welcome!

The **MCC Mobile Meat Canner** is coming, and the Material Resource Center is looking for volunteers to help process and can meat for people in need around the world. Volunteers are especially needed on Tuesday, Mar. 28 and Wednesday, Mar. 29, 6:30-9 am. Please call 267-230-8074 to sign up for a 3-hour time slot.

You're invited for an evening of listening and fellowship as the **Lenape of Oklahoma** will be guests at the Mennonite Heritage Center on Wednesday, Apr. 12 at 6 pm. The evening begins with a potluck meal followed by a presentation from their guests. The event is free, but registration is required. For more information visit [mhep.org](http://mhep.org).

Camp Men-O-Lan invites you to their **Easter Experience**, Saturday, Apr. 1 at 5 pm. The event will be a fun and meaningful time where you can relax and refocus, and includes a Seder with dinner, family activities, worship, and reflection on the seven last days of Christ. The cost is \$20/adult, \$10/ages 6-11, 5 and under eat for free with a family cap of \$70 for families of 5 or more. Register online at [menolan.org](http://menolan.org), call 215-679-5144, or email [kim@menolan.org](mailto:kim@menolan.org) for more information.

Camp Men-O-Lan's **Women's Retreat** on Saturday, April 29 from 9:30 am-4:30 pm. This special day is designed to refresh and renew in your spirit as you look into 'The Heart', based on Ezekiel 36:26, with guest speaker Dawn Mast. The day includes a continental breakfast, worship, teaching, sharing, lunch, free time and much more. Find details and registration info at [menolan.org](http://menolan.org).

**Church Office Hours**

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-4.

Lynne: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8:30-1:30.