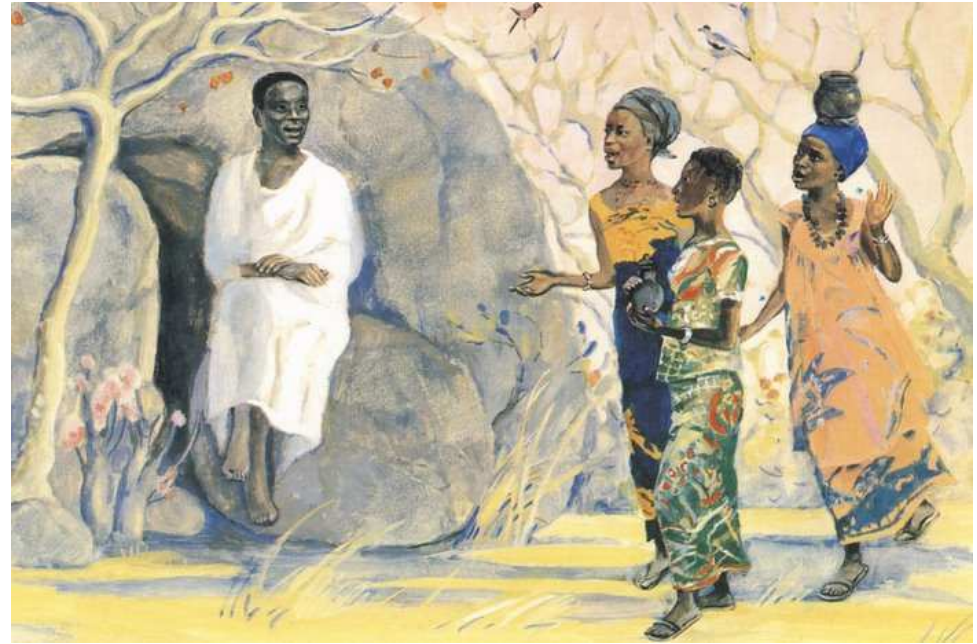


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JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings.

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*Fully Alive in Christ*

# WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

*Easter Sunday*

April 9, 2023

10:30 A.M.

## ***Preludes***

“The Strife Is O’er” ~ *Edward Broughton*  
“Low in the Grave” ~ *Lani Smith*  
“Day of Triumph” ~ *Edward Broughton*

## **We Gather**

Opening Song	Low in the grave	#273
Call to Worship		Screen

Welcome & Opening Thought

Songs of Praise	Christ the Lord is risen today	#280, v. 1-4
	Christ who left his home in glory	#283
	Who are these	#360
	Let the trumpet sound	<i>Choir</i>

Scripture	Psalm 118:1-4, 14-24
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Song	In Christ alone
	Revelation Song

## **We Hear God’s Word**

Scripture	Matthew 28:1-10
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Message	Alive in Jesus	<i>Pastor Michael</i>
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## **We Respond**

Song	Christ is alive and goes before us
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Offering	“Tocatta for a Celebration” ~ <i>Gene Clark</i>
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Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song	Hallelujah Chorus
Benediction	

## **This Sunday**

<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Les Rice
<b>Greeter:</b>	Jan & Denny Wieand
<b>Organist:</b>	Joan Hallman
<b>Musicians:</b>	Brenda Landt, Lynne Rush
<b>Videographer:</b>	Mark Kemmerer
<b>Visual Technicians:</b>	Marsha High, Emily Rush
<b>Sound Technicians:</b>	Glenn High, Rod Rush, Tim Scheetz

## **Sunday School Classes for Spring 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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### **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 Request: Celebrate Easter by sharing the good news of Jesus' victory over the grip of evil in our world. Join Mennonite Mission Network's personnel and partners throughout the United States and in 49 countries around the world in proclaiming this message to those whom you encounter today and every day.***



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

*Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church*

April 9, 2023

*Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving*

## Calendar

Apr. 11, 8 am	Knotting & Quilting
Apr. 11, 7 pm	Community Commission
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Apr. 16, 12 pm	Sunday Lunch Bunch
Apr. 18, 8 am	Knotting & Quilting
Apr. 20	Ten Thousand Villages Trip
Apr. 20, 12 pm	Senior Luncheon

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

The **Easter lilies** on display are available for a \$5 donation to DISCO for children's ministries. Please mark your donation accordingly for the offering plate or drop it in Katie Mood's mailbox at your earliest convenience.

**Sunday Lunch Bunch:** Join the group next Sunday, **Apr. 16**, as they go out to lunch at The New Santiago's Restaurant in Coopersburg.

The next **service day trip to Ten Thousand Villages** in Brownstown is on **Thursday, Apr. 20**. We serve by pricing and packaging arts & crafts for display and sale in Ten Thousand Villages stores, which helps third world artisans earn a living. A sign-up sheet for the Apr. 20 trip is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up by Sunday, Apr. 16. If you have questions about these trips, contact Les Rice.

**Senior Luncheon, Apr 20:** All those 60+ are invited; please sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you are planning to attend.

If you are a **Sunday Morning Greeter**, or would like to be, please meet in the Fellowship Hall following the **April 16** service for a few friendly reminders and instructions.

**Nursery Duty Meeting, Apr. 23:** DISCO will have an interest and information meeting for volunteers willing to help with nursery duty. Volunteers will also be able to update their clearances at this time to be compliant with Child Safety protocol. If you have current clearances, within 5 years, please bring a copy for us to keep on file.

**Ripple Partner Appreciation Day:** Ripple Church has invited West Swamp folks to come for the annual Partner Appreciation Day activities on Apr. 30, 4 pm at Ripple Church (1421 Turner St, Allentown), as a "thank you" to partners who have supported Ripple through prayers, meals, hygiene items, work days, and financial contributions. The event will include worship and eating to-

gether as well as updates about Ripple's Building Campaign. Please let us know by Apr. 16 that you are planning to come; sign-up on the Mission bulletin board or email Karen Parzych, karen8813@gmail.com. Contact Rod Rush, arushjob@verison.net, if you would like to carpool from West Swamp Church to Ripple.

**Just a reminder:** If you are the last to leave the church building, please be sure that both doors are locked and latched. Thank you.

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

All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the ministry of Lakeview Mennonite Church (Susquehanna, PA) who would like to hold a Bible School July 10 to 14. Pray that God will provide volunteers to make this possible. If there is a congregation, family, or group who would like to send 4-6 youth with accompanying adults, please contact office@mosaicmennonites.org. Lodging in a cabin by a lake and food would be provided.

Souderton Mennonite Church invites you to their first Car Show, Saturday, April 29 from 9 am-2 pm. The rain date is April 30, 2-7 pm. There will be cars, trucks, motorcycles and big rigs and kids' activities in the gym. See their Facebook page 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.

### **Church Office Hours**

Pastor Michael: Tuesday-Thursday, 9-4.

Lynne: Tuesday, 8:30-1:30. (Lynne will be on the Ten Thousand Villages service trip on Thursday.)

***The church offices will be closed on Monday for the Easter holiday.***