

Our Mission

Raleigh Mennonite Church is a community growing as disciples of Jesus, the Christ. We nurture growth of the inner spiritual life, seeking transformation through God's grace as followers of Jesus.

We are active in reconciliation and service, making Christ known through sharing the story of God's love and forgiveness with our children, our neighbors and our world. In our lives, we seek justice, healing, hope and peace for all people.

We warmly and actively welcome others to join us on this journey.

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Children in Worship

Children are encouraged and celebrated in worship. Worship Craft materials are available for use during the service. Nursery is available mid-way through the service for children up to kindergarten. To use our nursery, staffed by volunteers who have undergone our Safe Church Training, meet at the back of the room during the hymn prior to the sermon.

For children and youth who remain in worship, a Church Creation project will be introduced and materials provided. Church Creations are designed to complement the day's scripture reading or another worship theme. While Church Creations

are designed with children and youth in mind, adults are invited to participate as materials are available.

Hearing Assistance, Accessible Restroom

Hearing enhancement devices are available at the A/V table. Even if you do not have a hearing problem, the devices make what is spoken from the podium much more intelligible.

An accessible, gender-neutral bathroom is available near the front entrance.

RMC receives a **public offering** once each month (first Sunday); at other times gifts may be placed in the oak offering box on the back table.

Prayer Concerns

On this Easter Sunday, meditate on the words of Clarence Jordan, co-founder of Koinonia Farm in Georgia (a SOOP placement): “The good news of the resurrection is not [only] that we shall die and go home to be with him, but that he has risen and comes home with us, bringing all his hungry, naked, thirsty, sick prisoner brothers [and sisters] with him.” (Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Vine)

Praise God for those who speak up against gun violence and for a holistic peace in the USA where mass shootings often occur. Pray for those who grieve loved ones injured or killed in senseless attacks. Pray for those who see violence as a means of protection and achievement. May they learn to confront fear with love and to transform categories of enemy into neighbor. (Mennonite World Conference Prayer Network)

Announcements

There will be a **Finger Food Fellowship Meal** next Sunday, April 8, after the worship service and before our **Church Life Meeting**. Bring a dish to share and stay for some delicious food and great fellowship after worship. Hospitality asks that those with last names starting with the letters A-K help with setting up tables and chairs before the meal as well as assist with clean up afterwards.

Stewardship Commission reports that contributions to the RMC General Fund through March, the seventh month of the fiscal year, totaled \$90,909. This is below the budget-projected contributions of \$97,284. In love, let us encourage one another to give as we have been given and ask for God's Spirit to give us the strength and courage to live as maturing stewards.

Pullen Memorial has scheduled another sanctuary training session for April 2. It will be at Finlator Hall (at the back of their church building) from 6:30-8:00 pm. Please contact volunteer coordinator Serena Buckner, beanbuckner@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Upcoming Events

- Church Life Meeting and Finger Food Fellowship Meal April 8
- Women's Monday lunch, 1:00 pm TGIF April 9
- Women's beach retreat April 27-30

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- John F April 1
- June and Michael A April 2
- Melissa April 8

If your birthday or anniversary is missing from this list, please contact the bulletin team at bulletin@raleighmennonite.org.

Adult Sunday School classes, Spring quarter (March - May)

Very Good Gospel – Room #2 (No Class Today)
 Tokens of Trust – Room #5 (No Class Today)

	Today (April 1)	Next Week (April 8)
Greeter/ Usher	Chrys B and Sara C	Lois and Duane B
Nursery	Sara C and Joanna J	Rosene R and Karri
Sharing	Brenda NM	Rachel T
Sound	Joe J	John F
Bulletin	Pam B	Pam B
Worship Coordinator	Rosene R	Hans Land David R
Speaker	Melissa F-B	Melissa F-B

Raleigh Mennonite Church

April 1, 2018
Easter Sunday

Welcome to our worship!

We are a community seeking to keep Jesus at the center of our lives, aware that we come from a variety of life experiences and points in our faith journeys. God invites us all to worship no matter our cultures, traditions and paths to God. We truly welcome you whatever your religious background or spiritual practice.

Breakfast (No Sunday School) 9:15 a.m.

Gathering for Worship 10:30 a.m.

Prelude Nate S

Welcome & Announcements Stephen J

Praise and Worship

Christ candle is brought in

Call to Worship Screen Rosene R

Song WB 280 Christ the Lord is Risen

Today

Offering

STS 92 Sing with all the Saints

STS 179 Prayer

Songs

STS 88 That Easter Morn

Children's Blessing

Screen Hallelujah, We Sing

Your Praises

(Children invited to

nursery)

Hearing and Responding to God's Word

Church Creations Rachel T

Scripture Reading [John 20:1-18](#)

Poem: "[Christ the Gardener](#)" by Andrew

[Hudgins](#) Pam B

Sermon [Making Contact](#) Melissa F-B

Video: "[Work of the People](#)"

Communion

WB 472 I am the Bread of Life

Screen Lord of the Dance

Sharing and Prayer Brenda NM

Sending Forth

Benediction Screen Rosene R