

We Seek You

One: Knowing God, let us not
stray from your wise path.

All: We seek you with all our mind.

One: Righteous God, let us not
stray from your vision of justice.

All: We seek you with all our strength.

One: Loving God, let us not
stray from your course of mercy.

All: We seek you with all our heart.

One: Faithful God, let us not
stray from your lovingkindness.

All: We seek you with all our soul.

One: Your teachings are rich,
your commands are worthy,
and your precepts are wondrous.

**All: We delight in all your ways,
and we hold them in our depths.**

—Ralph McCoy
Lafayette, Indiana

"I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you" (Psalm 119:11, NRSVue). Today's Bible readings from the lectionary: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33.

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Hanover Church of the Brethren

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9AM - 1 PM

Engage, Embrace, Empower with the love of God

Video Introduction

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship Red Hymnal 84

*Opening Song "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart" Red Hymnal 85

*Centering Prayer

O God, Creator of the universe, who extends your paternal concern over every creature and guides the events of history to goals of salvation, we acknowledge your Fatherly love when you break the resistance of mankind and, in a world torn by strife and discord, you make us ready for reconciliation. Renew for us the wonders of your mercy; send forth your Spirit that He may work in the intimacy of our hearts, that enemies may begin to dialogue, that adversaries may shake hands and peoples may encounter one another in harmony. May all commit themselves to the sincere search for true peace which will extinguish all arguments, for charity which overcomes hatred, for pardon which disarms revenge. We pray in faith in Jesus' name, Amen.

*Hymn of Worship Praise medley *on screen, guitar*

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 61:1-3 Pew Bible 821

Offering Meditation

Lord, you have been so good to us! You have given us more than we need and have promised to take care of us. Please accept these gifts and offerings as a way we can say we love you back, and use them to Your glory and our neighbors' good! Amen.

Prayer of Blessing

Children's Story Lisa Konopinski
Sing "Jesus Loves The Little Children" (Red Hymnal 421) as the kids come forward.

Children's Church *every 2nd and 4th Sunday*

Sharing of Joys and Prayer Concerns

Hymn "Living for Jesus" Red Hymnal 379

Morning Prayer

Special Music "Broken and Spilled Out" Choir

Scripture Isaiah 55:6-11 Pew Bible 1056

Message Gideon Message

*Hymn of Response "Grace Alone" *on screen, guitar*

*Benediction

*Sending in Praise Closing chorus *on screen*

Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

VISITORS

Welcome to our service today!

We encourage first time visitors to fill out a pink card located in the pew rack and take it to the Welcome Center after worship.

Restrooms are available at the back of the sanctuary (handicapped accessible with baby changing station), outside the fellowship hall at top of ramp and on our lower level (down the stairs near the entrance, then to your right).

Hearing devices are available. Please ask an usher.

Announcements

Easter Candy: Order your candy today. Help on March 22 and 23 to make the candy is appreciated.

Upper Room Devotionals: Are in the lobby.

Over 60's: Wednesday, March 20 at 12 pm. Comedy video. Please bring a dish to share.

Easter Eggstravaganza will be held March 30 at 10 am. Please register by calling or emailing the church office. This event is open to children birth through 5th grade. If you would like to donate candy for the egg hunt, please place it in the tub in the narthex by March 24.

Holy Week Services: Palm Sunday, March 24. Maundy Thursday, March 28. Sunrise Service with coffee and pastries, March 31.

Yard Sale: Saturday, April. 6. Help appreciated.

Bread of Life: Thursday, April 4 at Panera Bread at 6:00 pm.

Board Meeting: Monday, April 8 at 7 pm.

Council Reports Due to the Church Office: by Sunday, April 14.

Vital Ministry Journey is coming in April and May! This is a small group discipleship opportunity for YOU to grow deeper in your faith and get to know your brothers and sisters better! Groups of 5-7, youth thru adults, will meet 6 times over 2 months. Meeting dates, places and times will be chosen by each group. The Theme: "Peace for a World Gone Crazy." Each session will include a Bible passage to discuss and sharing questions to answer together. *Pastor Mark*

District Women's Spring Luncheon: Registration Forms in Lobby.

The Village Choir will present their annual Easter cantata on Mon, Mar 25 at 1:00 in the Nicarry Meetinghouse. This year's cantata is entitled "What Wondrous Hope" by Joseph Martin and Heather Sorenson. All are welcome to join us for this celebration!

Men's Outdoorsman Day: Clay shoot and fishing at Camp Eder on April 6 from 8:30-3:00. Register online or by phone. \$40 includes lunch. See poster on bulletin board for more information.,

Assisting Us Today

Pastor.....Mark Bowyer
Music Director/Pianist.....Roxie Schloyer
Worship Leader.....Darren Dickensheets
Deacons of the Month/Welcomers.....Ed & Jackie Swartz
Head Usher.....Roger Bollinger
Bulletin Board.....Amanda Jacobs-Womer

Please Uplift in Prayer

Hanover Hall

Esther Brown - Room 117A

Country Meadows

Bonnie Berwager - Apt 311

Spring Creek Rehab

Sonja Bankert

Utz Terrace

Evelyn Dickensheets

Homebound: Miriam Mills, Dale Sullivan

Others: Pastor Mark, Clement McDonald

Activities This Week

Sunday, Mar 17

SS - 9:00 am/Worship - 10:30 am

Newsletter Article Deadline

Monday, Mar 18

AARP Taxaide - 7:00 - 2:00

Al Anon - 7 pm

PAL@HACC

AA - 8 pm

Over 60's - 12 pm

Line Dancing - 2 pm

Bible Study - 6 pm

Choir - 7 pm

Friday, Mar 22

Newsletter Assembly - 9 am

Candy Making - 9 am

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Saturday, Mar 23

Upcoming Activities

Palm Sunday, Mar 24

SS - 9:00 am/Worship - 10:30 am

Monday, Mar 25

AARP Taxaide - 7:00 - 2:00

Al Anon - 7 pm

AA - 8 pm

Line Dancing - 2 pm

Bread Making - 5 pm

Bible Study - 6 pm

Choir - 7 pm

Love Feast - 7 pm

Maundy Thursday, Mar 28

Friday, Mar 29

Youth prepping eggs - 5 pm

Saturday, Mar 30

Easter Eggstravaganza - 10 am

Stewardship Last Week

Attendance: Sunday School - 29 Worship - 84

Giving: General Fund- \$2,864.15 Building Rental - \$146.05

Child Area - \$186 Cleanup Buckets - \$50 Memorial Gifts - \$150