



## Sunday, April 10, 2016

*The God of Easter is a God of fresh starts, new beginnings, and an infinite number of second chances. The story of Paul's conversion is the paradigmatic story of the "God of the Second Chance."*

Call to Worship

Responsorial Psalm

Prayer

Congregational Singing STS 1 Praise the one who breaks  
the darkness

STS 99 The Lord's my shepherd

Sharing and Prayer

Offering

Congregational Singing STS 89 Christ is alive  
Now the green blade riseth

Scripture: Acts 9:1-6

John 21:1-19

Sermon Sol

Sending Song STS 57 Go, my friends, in grace

Benediction:

**Let us go out to live, centered in the love of Christ,  
believing in what God is able to do in this world,  
holding up hope, and holding out a hand  
in Jesus' name.**

**The God who makes all things new blesses us with  
peace and power.**

**Amen.**

Worship Leader: Ruth

Song Leader: Mo

Pianist: Emily

## Call to Worship

We like sheep have gone astray, but God in mercy has sought and found us, brought us back to the fold, and secured us in love. We have been given a new life and through the power of the Holy Spirit are enabled to live it! Let us worship the God of the "second chance," the God who has thus provided for our becoming and for our salvation.

## Responsorial Psalm

Let the faithful sing praise  
and render thanksgiving  
unto God's holy name;  
God's anger lasts for a moment,  
but God's favor lasts for a lifetime;  
tears may flow all night,  
but joy comes in the morning.

**We will give you thanks forever.**

I felt secure like a mountain fortress  
when you protected me in your goodness;  
but then you hid yourself from me,  
and I was afraid;  
I pleaded for your help, O God,  
for if you were to let me die  
how could I praise your faithfulness?  
Hear me, O God, and have mercy on me.

**We will give you thanks forever.**

You have turned my sorrow into joy!  
I am wrapped in gladness  
and will be silent no longer;  
I will sing to you,  
and not be silent.

**We will give you thanks forever.**

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- for the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Mennonitischer Gemeiden (AMG – Mennonite church in Germany) and Algemene Doopsgezind Societeit (ADS – Dutch Mennonite society) who each wrote a letter to their respective government's military actions declaring: "Not in my name" and urging peace. "*The Mennonite community...does not see violence as the means by which to approach conflicts, let alone the means by which to end them,*" write Frans Dukers and Henk Stenvers, ADS moderator and secretary. (MWC Release)
- for peace in Syria as March marks the five year anniversary of the brutal war. More than 250,000 Syrians have been killed. Half of all Syrians have been displaced from their homes. (MCC Release)

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- **Executive Meeting** - Wed., April 13, 2 pm, Ruth's
- **Food Bank** - Next meets on April 16 and April 30
- **EMC Convention** – July 1-3 in Steinbach



Coffee for April 17 – Ruth and Ron  
Upcoming Coffee for April 24 – Henry and Darlene



**Birthdays This Week** Darlene on April 10  
Margaret on April 13