



Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

April 5, 2026

Offering Christ's peace to hearts, homes, community and world

Order of Worship

Gather

Welcome and Congregational Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymns	<i>Christ the Lord Is Risen Today</i>	VT 346
	<i>Thine Is the Glory</i>	VT 355

Gathering Prayer

Listen

Choir Anthem	<i>Body, Mind, Spirit, Voice</i>	Junior Choir
Children's Time	<i>Be Not Afraid</i>	VT 356
Scripture	John 20:1-18	
Choir Anthem	<i>Psalms of Hope</i>	Adult Choir
Sermon	<i>Boy See</i>	

Respond

Hymn	<i>Now the Green Blade Rises</i>	VT 353
Sharing Joys and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		
Response in Music	<i>In Christ Alone</i>	Adult Choir
Stewardship Affirmation		
Communion		

Send

Sending Song	<i>There's a Wild Hope in the Wind</i>	VT 828
Benediction		
Final Response	<i>Christ, We Do All Adore Thee</i>	VT 138

**Voices Together Hymnal*

Due to the intricate nature of the cross visual on the stage, we request that our children stay off the stage during Lent and Easter for safety reasons. Thanks!

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Assisting in Worship:

Worship Leader: Lynn Reha	Sermon: Kevin Chupp
Worship Planner: Kevin Chupp	Scripture Reader: Lynn Reha
Prelude & Accompaniment: Bill West	Pastoral Prayer: Kevin Chupp
Song Leader & Choir Director: Cindy Ropp	Communion: Wayne Hochstetler
Children's Time: Shannon Neely	Tech: Caleb Augspurgen & Glenn Wilson
Choir Soloists: Heath Brandon, Bev Collins, Garrett Gaunch, Elizabeth Gaunch	

In Memoriam:

Mary Ann King, member of MCN: October 11, 1939 – January 5, 2026

Joyce Thompson, long-time MRC resident: March 9, 1927 – October 13, 2025

Roberta Bortell, wife of Jim Bortell: April 26, 1947 – October 12, 2025

Announcements from the Midweek:

- **Communion this Sunday:** We will celebrate Communion in worship today with Wayne Hochstetler leading. In preparation, we are all encouraged to engage in self-examination of both our relationships with God, and with others. We also receive specially designated gifts for our Mutual Aid Fund on Communion Sundays as a means of assisting others in need through being the Body of Christ. There is a special basket at the back of the sanctuary for those funds.
- **Community Life Commission Member:** The Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team, in consultation with the chair of the Community Life Commission, has called Nancy to serve as a member of the Community Life Commission. Please send any feedback to Janet by Sunday, April 12. Thank you!

This Week:

Tuesday 4/7	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 4/8	9:30 am	Wednesday Morning Book Group
	1:00 pm	Quilting
	7:00 pm	Fellowship Committee (Zoom)
Thursday 4/9	7:00 am	Next Man Bible Study
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	6:45 pm	Administration Commission (Zoom)

Our Vision:

Mennonite Church of Normal is a nurturing, Christ-centered Anabaptist congregation that welcomes all people. As followers of Jesus, we aspire to transform our communities and world into places of peace, healing, and hope.

Our Welcome:

All people of any race, ethnicity, immigration status, gender, sexual orientation, age, education, or ability who confess faith in Jesus Christ, are welcome to participate in the full life and ministry of the Mennonite Church of Normal. Furthermore, all people of any gender or sexual orientation who confess faith in Jesus Christ, may become members, be married, and are eligible for all volunteer, staff, and pastoral positions at MCN.

Building Open Hours: Monday – Friday: 9am-11am & 1:30pm-3pm

Office Administrator: Lydia Hedberg | church@normalmennonite.org
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Custodian: Rita Munkakusi

Community Life Commission, Outreach Commission, Spiritual Gifts

Discernment Team, & Worship Commission Pastor:

Kevin Chupp | kevin@normalmennonite.org

Pastor Kevin designated office hours: Wednesdays, 8am-12pm (or call to plan a visit)

Pastoral Team Leader and Administration Commission, Discipling Commission, and Vision Team Pastor:

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