

## BRESLAU MENNONITE CHURCH

Easter Sunday April 1, 2018  
Nothing Between Us

Worship Leader	Sharla B
Chorister	Justin M
Accompanists	Janice K, Carolyn S, David R
Theme Song	Jeremy W

### GATHERING IN FAITH AND WORSHIP

**Prelude**

**Hymn**

Christ is alive #89 STS

**Welcome and Call to Worship**

To all who weep, and to all who smile,  
whether with joy or sorrow, welcome.

Welcome home to this house of God.

Welcome in the embrace of Christ. Hear and believe the Good News,  
for Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed!**

**Men's Chorus**

I know my redeemer lives

**Prayer**

**Hymns**

Christ the Lord is risen today #280 HWB

Christ has arisen #267 HWB

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Giving Our First Fruit Offerings**

**Children's Offering Project:** Refugee Support

### HEARING GOD'S STORY

**Children's Story**

Dorothy H

**Theme Song**

Between Me & You

**Confession and Assurance**

God of life, in you, death has no power.

**Because of you, this life is not our final end. Thank you.**

It feels good to celebrate new life, yours and ours. It's spring.

We long to throw off the heavy blankets of winter and bask in the sun.

**We confess that, just as some folks would like to skip winter,  
there are times when we want to skip the whole crucifixion story  
and jump straight to the resurrection.**

**And yet there are other times when death feels more real than life.**

When we see an empty tomb, it is easy to despair,  
and it seems futile to hope.

We hear stories of people who claim to have seen you alive;  
we want to believe, but struggle.

**Forgive us for not recognizing you, for doubting,  
and for trying to hold you back.**

*SILENCE*

The Good News of the gospel tells us how God is able to redeem  
and save. God took a cross, emblem of suffering and shame,  
and turned it into a sign of hope for the world.

**The risen Christ, compassionate friend of saints and sinners,  
is with us always, to the end of the age and beyond.**

**Thanks be to God, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.**

**Scripture**

Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18

**Sermon** – Christ is Risen, Indeed!?!

Eleanor Epp-Stobbe

**Hymn**

Low in the grave he lay #273 HWB

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S STORY**

**Sharing our Joys and Concerns**

**Praying Together**

**Hymn**

Lift your glad voices #275 HWB

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**We welcome all to our church community.  
Following the worship time you are invited to enjoy coffee,  
tea, juice and conversation.**