

Laurel Street Mennonite Church  
Table Church in the Park  
Lancaster County Park  
Pavilion #3

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WELCOME

Welcome to Table Church! As you arrive, we invite you to find a place to sit. Our meal and worship will begin shortly.

**Call To Worship**

Leader: Lift up your eyes to the hills...

**People: from where does my help come?**

Leader: Lift up your eyes to the hills...

**People: my help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Lift up your eyes to the hills...

**All: the LORD is my keeper; praise the LORD!**

Prayer of thanks for the food

Tables are invited to come to the buffet table

MEAL

Meals at the table are a spiritual practice taught by Jesus, and an important way to experience God's presence. After everyone has received something to eat, we will begin our Bible story conversations.

STORY

The scriptures help us to know "God's Story" of salvation and shalom and point us to Jesus. So we like to create space to interpret them together by listening to each other and the voice of the Spirit.

*Genesis 32:22-31*

**22** The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

**23** He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. **24** Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. **25** When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. **26** Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." **27** So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." **28** Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." **29** Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. **30** So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." **31** The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

### Wondering, Reflecting, and Sharing

- Can you think of a time when you wrestled with God about something? (decision, direction, etc.)
- What experiences in your life have drawn you to let go of fear and trust God?
- How did that wrestling with trust affect your relationship with God?

As you share thoughts and stories together, feel free to also pray for one another regarding anything that was shared. There will also be a large group Sharing and Prayer Time later.

### SINGING TIME

This will be a time to prepare us for communion. Communion will be served at your table group.

**I Sing the Mighty Power of God** (VT 182)

**All Who Are Thirsty** (VT 49)

### COMMUNION

The following liturgies are to shared together at your table:

**Everyone: At the table of Christ,**

**we eat this bread and drink this cup**

**to remember the life and death and resurrection of Jesus,**

**to be united with Christ and with one another as the church,**

**and to look toward a time when all will be one.**

**As we eat and drink with thanksgiving,**

**Jesus Christ is present with us**

**and we are empowered by the Spirit**

**to follow Jesus' way of love**

**as the body of Christ,**

**broken and blessed for the life of the world. (VT 936)**

Each person takes a container with a piece of bread.

Table leader: At this table we receive the bread,  
remembering Christ as we share together

*Gracias a Dios!*

**All: Gracias a Dios!**

Leader: Thanks be to God!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Each person takes a cup of juice.

Table leader: At this table, we receive the cup,  
the life of Jesus that binds us together.

*Gracias a Dios!*

**All: Gracias a Dios!**

Leader: Thanks be to God!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING TIME

#### BLESSING

(based on Ps. 121)

As you go out from here, be assured that the LORD is your keeper.

The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in,

From this time forth and even forevermore. AMEN

### SENDING SONG

**Great Is Thy Faithfulness** (VT 419)