

**. IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Healing-** Jennifer Bullington, Step-daughter of Sharon Johnson,  
Andy Imhof, son –in-law of Sharon Johnson for pain relief  
Janet Rondeau’s nephew, Shirley Mockel, Ruth Gagnon, Tricia Cusack and  
Beverly Sliter

**Around the Word:** Inmates of Modelo De Penitentiary in the Dominican  
Republic

<b>DEACONS</b>	<b>ELDERS</b>
Greg Migirditch	Pam Evans Hayden
Jeffrey Irwin	Melissa Gilligan
Kathleen Leahey	Judy Massey

*Blooming Grove Reformed Church*

*We cherish the joyful noises of your children as an integral part of our worship. We embrace the wiggles and curious questions that come along*

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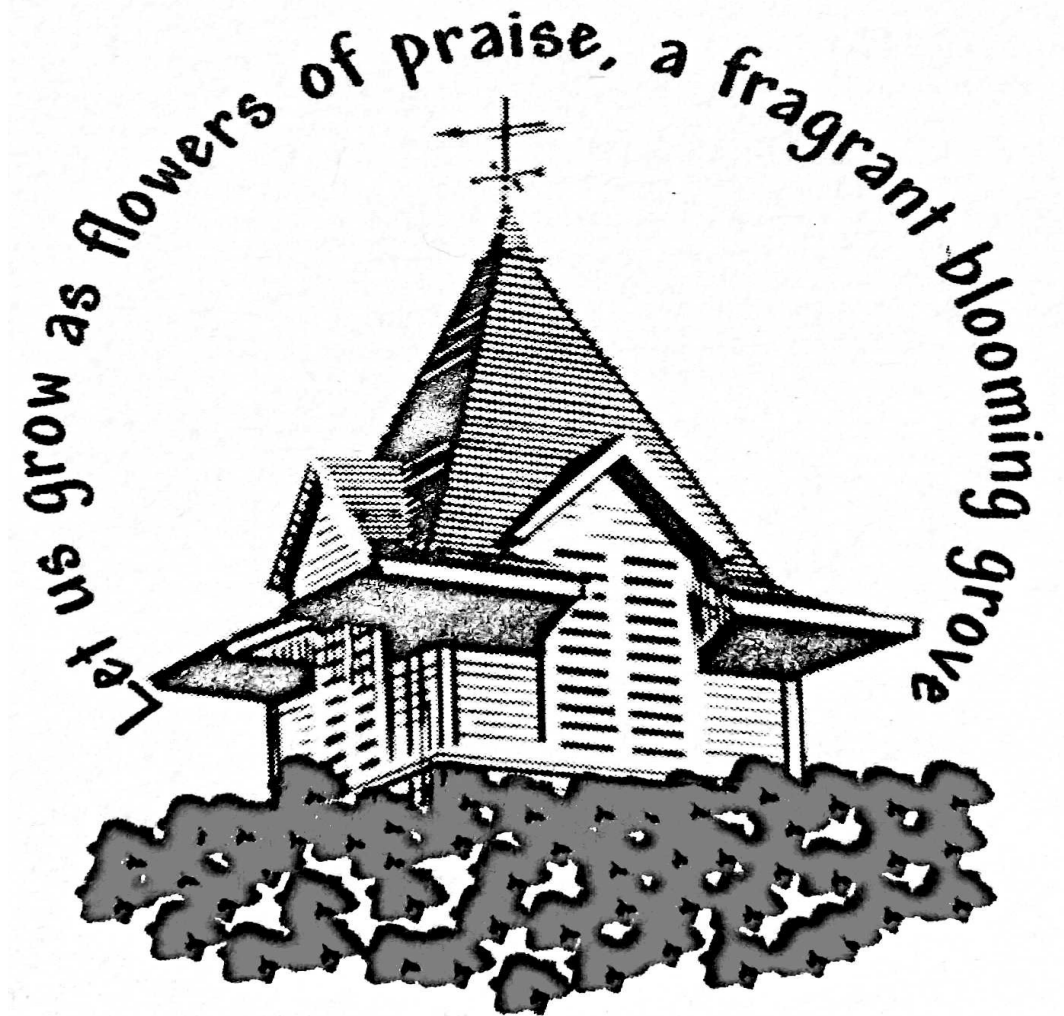
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Please rise, in body or spirit; lines in **bold type** are read or sung aloud by the people.

## **WE REACH UP, ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE**

### **Prelude**

### **Votum**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Call to Worship**

In our midst, the Risen Lord appears, speaking peace to our troubled hearts.

**Let us rejoice and stand amazed, for our Savior has triumphed over the grave.**

With joy-filled hearts, we gather to proclaim the Good News: Jesus, who was crucified, is alive!

**As witnesses to God's unfolding promise, let us worship the Living God, who opens our minds!**

We come to praise, to learn, and to be transformed. Let us worship God together!

**\*Hymn Now the Green Blade Rises**

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### **\*God's Greeting**

### **Call to Praise**

### **Prayer of Praise**

Gracious and Eternal God, **we bring our jubilant praise this Easter season, celebrating the victory of love and light. You appear in our midst, transforming fear into peace and doubt into faith. You show us that from despair springs hope, and from death springs new life. Your presence assures us that we, too, are witnesses to these miracles. Empower us to embody Your peace and justice, to live out the resurrection joy. We praise you for your transformative power in our lives. Mold us as your people, eager to serve and quick to love. Amen**

## **Announcements:**

### **Personal Care Items Drive— Ends Today**

With the leadership of Sharon Johnson, you are invited to join us in supporting our local homeless community by donating unopened personal care items from hotel bathrooms. Your contributions of travel-sized toiletries such as shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, and toothpaste can make a significant difference in the lives of those in need.

Collecting through April 14th Thank you for your generous support!

### **Reading Scripture with God (Lectio Divina)**

Are you curious or wondering if GOD has a message for you? ALL people are welcome! Bring a friend. We meet in the Ammerman Library of our church building on the same floor as the sanctuary. Please bring paper and pen/pencil. Facilitator: Sharon Johnson. (518-729-3779)

Meetings twice per month on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM

# 247 Now the Green Blade Rises

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain;

love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

## God's Hope for our Living

### Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

### Ministry of Music

### Passing of the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you  
 And also with you

## WE REACH IN, RECEIVING GOD'S GIFTS IN WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

### \*Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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### \*Gospel Lesson

This is the Gospel of our Lord  
 Praise to you, O Christ

Luke 24:36b-48

### \*Gospel Acclamation

### Meditation

### Resurrected for What?

**WE REACH OUT, SHARING LOVE AND SERVICE**

Call to the Offering

Offertory

**\*Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessing flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of Intercession and Lord's Prayer**

*Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory now and forever Amen.*

**\*Hymn Go, My Children, with my Blessing**

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**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547

1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.

Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.

In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his  
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort

ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."  
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."  
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