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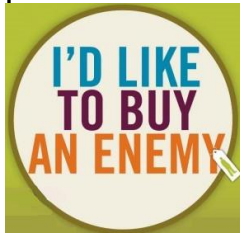
### Ted & Co. is coming to First Mennonite Church!

Sunday  
May 13, 2018

**9:15 am** – Ted & Co. are our guest presenters during worship

**11:15 am** – Sunday school Q & A with Ted Swartz

**4:00-6:30 pm** – I'd Like to Buy an Enemy performance for an interfaith audience, followed by a feedback session led by Ted Swartz. Our feedback will be incorporated into a rewrite of the play, which Ted is updating to address issues relevant to interfaith and intercultural relationships. **We expect to host the new play in 2019.**



Ted Swartz is a theologian, writer and actor who creates space where the worlds of the sacred and profane intersect. He *has* performed in Mennonite (and other) circles for more than 20 years. Ted is owner and artistic director of Ted and Company TheaterWorks, a professional touring company based in Harrisonburg, VA, and is the creator or co-creator of over a dozen plays. He was the featured speaker at First Mennonite's all-church retreat in 2014.



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# HOPE

## Soar

we now  
where Christ  
has led

# RESURRECTION



## Easter Celebration of Worship

April 1, 2018

*Promise of the Cross*

### Centering chimes

**Lighting of solidarity lamp** – *Symbolic of our Sister Church relationship with El Divino Redentor.*

### Prelude & Lighting of the Christ candle

Refrain: ¡Resucitó, resucitó, resucitó, aleluya!  
¡Aleluya, aleluya, aleluya, resucitó!

(Translation: He is risen, alleluia!)

### \*Call to worship

Leader: 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!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

Leader: Praise the Lord, our Jesus lives!

**People: Yes, praise the Lord! We will worship God together.**

\*Hymnal #277 "I know that my Redeemer lives"

### Welcome & prayer

\*Hymnal #280 "Christ the Lord is risen today"

\*Purple songbook #90 "Oh, how good is Christ the Lord" (Oh, qué bueno es Jesús)

### Children's story and offering *(please pass the welcome pads)*

Congregation sings as children come forward (purple songbook #47)

**Scripture: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24** (page 554) and **Mark 16:1-8** (page 931)

**Sermon** *Abandoning fear: the promise and peril of resurrection*

### Communion

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. The bread is gluten-free and water is available for those with grape juice allergies. Those not yet baptized are encouraged to participate by eating the bread but passing on the juice. Come and partake as the Spirit leads.*

**Hymnal #475** "Become to us the living bread"

### \*Passing the peace

**Offering** *(prayer cards collected)*

**Offertory** "The trumpet shall sound" by Handel

**Green songbook #60** "Lord of all good"

### Sharing and prayers of the people

### Introduction of guests

### Work of the church

\*Hymn #116 "Crown him with many crowns"

\*Hallelujah Chorus

\*Benediction

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\* *Stand if you are able*

## Welcome, Guests

It is a joy to welcome you today. Your presence enriches this gathering. We pray that God meets you as we worship together this morning. If you have any questions, a greeter will be happy to assist you.

**Hearing assisted devices are available from the greeters.** T-coil enabled and standard over-ear devices are available.

**Childcare for children birth - preschool is available downstairs during worship and the education hour.**

**Our current children's offering benefits the Illinois Balanced and Restorative Justice Project (IBARJ),** which works to foster sustainable restorative practices. All are welcome to give to the children's offering.