



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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March 18, 2018
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: I see you, familiar faces, visitors, and guests. What brings you here?

People: We want to see Jesus.

Leader: I see you, all who are here for the first time, and all who have returned. What brings you here?

People: We want to see Jesus.

Leader: I see you and know that each one of you has been invited by God to this house of worship. Thank you for coming. Open your eyes and your hearts, for together we are here with Jesus. Praise the Lord.

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Gathering Hymn

Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him

STJ #3

Children's Story

Worship Music

Offering/Prayer

Scripture

Psalms 51: 1-17 (Page #303 In Pew Bible)

Sermon

Contrition

Confession

Beloved Protector and Teacher, we need guidance, and sometimes we remember to ask for it. But even as we reach for your hand, we rush off in our own direction.

We barely listen to the rules we break. We like to remind ourselves, wherever we are, that you are with us. We forget the proper response: that to serve you, we must follow you.

We put conditions on your love, because we don't want to go to the uncomfortable places where we see ourselves in the other.

Forgive us. Hold us close and teach us again to truly live as you love.

Words of Assurance

Thus says the Lord God, "I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

Take My Life

HWB #389

Sharing Time/Prayer

Sending Hymn

Take, O Take Me as I am (2 times through)

STJ #81

Benediction

We are people of God.

We go in God's love
to extend God's love
and live God's promise.

Musical Response

Postlude

PRAISE/PRAYER CONCERNS

- Anita Watkins(Rebecca Hofer's Mother) - chemo treatments
- Willie Waldner (Les Rensink's hired man) - diagnosed with pancreatic cancer
- Additional Concerns

TODAY - March 18– Fifth Sunday of Lent

Greeters: Donovan & Sherryl Friesen

9:45 am: Worship Service

Accompanist: Paige Zachariasen

Worship Leader: Dennis Schrock

Children's Time: Amanda Mettler

Worship Music: No Music Scheduled

Message: Jack Scandrett

Coffee Time: Brigitta Hofer

NEXT SUNDAY - March 25 – Palm Sunday

Greeters: LaVonne Tschetter & Monica Hofer

9:45 am: Worship Service

Accompanists: Charlene Friesen, Shirley Hofer, Shannon Hofer-Pottala

Worship Leader: Pastor Jack

Children's time: Amanda Mettler

Worship Music: Shannon Hofer-Pottala

Message: Jack Scandrett

Coffee Time: Paul & Priscilla Hofer

11:10 am: School for all ages

MARCH PROJECTS

Congregational Ministries: Soap & Hygiene Kits for MCC

Children's S.S. Department: Swan Lake Christian Camp

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday-Wednesday, March 25-28, 7pm: Holy Week Services, Bethany Mennonite Church

Monday, April 9, 4:00-8pm: Congregational Ministries Work Night

Holy Week Services will be held at 7:00 pm, Sunday-Wednesday, March 25-28, at Bethany Mennonite Church. The speaker will be Dr. Jay Moon who currently serves as Professor of Church Planting and Evangelism at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore Kentucky. He previously served at Sioux Falls Seminary as a Professor of Intercultural Studies and Director of Wesley House of Study, since 2005. He has taught a wide range of classes including intercultural studies, evangelism, church planting, discipleship, community development, and practical intercultural ministry courses. From 1992-2001, Jay and his family were involved in church planting in Ghana Africa. While there, he served as Project Manager for a hand-dug well project. He also taught a variety of church planting courses at Chiana Bible Training Centre in Ghana. Jay received his PhD in Intercultural Studies from Asbury Theological Seminary in 2005 and has published numerous articles along with a couple books, including *African Proverbs Reveal Christianity in Culture* (2009). He has been a keynote speaker for a wide variety of seminars and conferences focusing on missions, church planting and other related issues. Besides his African experience, Jay has been involved in numerous innovative missional enterprises, including ministries to First Nation people, urban "at risk" neighborhoods, and a church-plant with Embrace UMC.

Save The Date!!!

VBS has been scheduled for May 28– June 1.

S.O.S.

VBS needs you!! This summer VBS children will get carried away on a current of God's love as we learn about how "Jesus Saves" as we're "Shipwrecked" on a remote island.

As we prepare to cast our sail for VBS 2018 we are looking for a few items to borrow.

A collapsible shelter/tent. This will be returned to you just as you lent it to us. If you have one that has been left out for too many winters we'll take that too!
Old used umbrellas. Spokes sticking out are just fine!
Round life preservers, the older the better.
Sturdy boxes: the bigger the better.
Old camping lanterns (will not be ignited or used other than a prop).
Plastic or live house plants with long/wide leaves. These also will be returned to you.
Quilting squares or fabric you no longer want.
Donations either of your time or monetarily are deeply appreciated.
Prayers for directors, volunteers and for the children attending that they may be rescued by the word of the Lord!

ALL EMAIL CORRESPONDANCE to the Church Office Administrative Assistant should be sent to hutterthal@goldenwest.net

CONNECTING TO THE COMMUNITY & BEYOND

The Schmeckfest Country Kitchen is asking for donations of food items for March 23 and 24. Poppy seed rolls, fruit pockets, pumpkin rolls, caramel rolls, jams, horseradish and summer savory sell especially well. Donated food items for the Schmeckfest Country Kitchen may be brought to Sterling Hall and should be labeled. Thank you!

Calling everyone ages 15-22: Are you looking for a fun and meaningful way to serve this summer? There are a few spots left to join a 2018 Youth Venture team! See and join in the work God is doing in Ecuador, Peru, Spain, or Benin. Apply by April 1. Visit www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve to learn more, or contact John Murray at JohnM@MennoniteMission.net

Lunch & Learn at MCC with Joanna Shenk! Join us on Thursday, April 5 from noon to 1 pm at MCC in North Newton, Kansas to hear Joanna share about her new book, "The Movement Makes Us Human an Interview with Dr. Vincent Harding on Mennonites, Vietnam & MLK." Lunch will be provided by Mojo's Coffee Bar. Please RSVP for lunch by April 3. For the first time, we're offering an opportunity for you to join this event virtually, on any computer or device. Visit www.mcc.org/lunch-learn for information about Joanna, the book and about how to join the event from your home or office! Questions or to RSVP: 316.283.2720 or patsydirksen@mcc.org

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