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Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

PALM SUNDAY

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*“Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you righteous;
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!”*

Psalm 32: 11, NKJV

Prelude
Lighting of the Peace Lamp

The Palms, Fause

Call to Worship:

Based on Psalm 118

L: Give thanks to the Lord; for He is good!

ALL: God's steadfast love endures forever!

L: This is the day that the Lord has made.

ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

L: Blessed in the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

ALL: The Lord our God has given us light!

L: Give thanks to the Lord; for He is good!

ALL: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Welcome

Prayer

Hymn: HWB no. 106,

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Scripture Reading:

John 12: 12-16 (Pew Bible p. 569)

Silent Meditation

Confessing and Reconciling

Confessional Prayer

Silent Confession

Assurance

Children's Time:

Share Your Story

Time of Offering

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Music

Ride on, ride on in majesty

Offertory Prayer

Hymn: HWB no. 237,

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Message:

The Demands of Palm Sunday

Journal Questions:

1. How have you sought to make Jesus *your kind* of King?

2. What have you been expecting/demanding Jesus to do for you?
3. Do you live with the assurance of God's goodness? Have you been living as though you know better than God? How so?

Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Hymn: HWB no. 238,

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Benediction

L: God's love for us is unending, even in the light of our Vulnerabilities — even in light of our demands.

ALL: We go forth thankful for God's grace and humbled by His steadfast love.

L: God sends us out in the fullness of His grace, enveloped in His love.

ALL: We go forth in the fullness of God that we might love others as radically as we are loved!

Musical Response

Postlude

Go to dark Gethsemane, Redhead

Worship Participants: Norma Hofer (accompanist), Todd Jones (worship leader & message), & Amanda Mettler (children's time)

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Adeline Friesen
- **Reagan Medina** (Daughter of Jason and Stacy, born 2/23)
- **Friesen family** on the passing of Steve's mother
- **Frank Wiebe** (undergoing chemo)
- **Pastor Tim Detweiler** (undergoing chemo)
- **Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC):** Pray for preparations for CPMC conference in June which will be held in Des Moines, IA.
- **Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** Pray for Arloa Bon-trager, Del Hershberger, and Sharon Norton of Mennonite Mission Network as they spend the

coming week with Journey International participants in Indonesia reflecting on their experience and strengthening the relationship with host church, Jemaat Kristen Indonesia.

- Additional Prayers

TODAY

Greeters: Dennis & Marcia Schrock

9:45am: Worship Service

Coffee Time: Larry & Brigitta Hofer

11:10am: Sunday School for all ages

7:00pm: Joint Holy Week Service (North Church)

MW March Project: Hygiene Kits - see *Connection!* for details

Children's S.S. Spring Project: The Banquet (Yankton)

NEXT SUNDAY, March 27, 2016—EASTER SUNDAY

Greeters: Delmer & Shirley Hofer

Accompanist: Edie Tschetter

Coffee Time: Paul & Priscilla Hofer

THIS WEEK

Mon.: 7:00pm Joint Holy Week Service (North Church)

Tues.: 7:00pm Joint Holy Week Service (North Church)

Wed.: 7:00pm Joint Holy Week Service (North Church)

Thurs.: 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship

Fri.: GOOD FRIDAY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr. 4: 4:00pm Mennonite Women Work Night

Apr. 5: 7:00pm Deacons Meeting (Koerner Residence)

Apr. 6: 10:00am Freeman Ministerial (Missionary Church)

Apr. 11: 7:00pm Prayer Shawl

Apr. 15-16: Schmeckfest (Freeman Academy)

Apr. 19: 9:15am Pastor-Peer (Sioux Falls)

Apr. 21: 7:00pm Worship (Salem Mennonite Home)

8:00 pm Church Board Meeting

Apr. 22-23: Schmeckfest (Freeman Academy)

Apr. 22-24: CPMC Annual Leaders Retreat (Schuyler, NE)

Apr. 24: 2:00pm Wedding Shower for Sara Friesen & Matt Fideler

This morning, the Deacons are collecting monetary gifts for the **Benevo-lent Fund**. This fund is utilized by the Deacons to assist those who are in acute financial need. If you are aware of someone who is in need, please speak with one of our Deacons: Monica Hofer, Todd Koerner or Monica Clem. They will hold your words in the strictest confidence and work with you to assist as they are able.

On **Maundy Thursday**, March 24, at 7:00pm we will be gathering for worship at Hutterthal. This special service will include **Communion**. Be assured that, at Hutterthal, we celebrate an “open table,” and all who have entered into relationship with Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are encouraged to partake of the bread and cup in community with both God and neighbor.

Mennonite Women Work Night: please join the fun on Mon-day, April 4, beginning at 4pm but you are welcome to come when you can and stay as long as you are able. A soup supper will be provided. There will be something for everyone! Hope to see you there!

SCHMECKFEST NOTES:

- **Kuchen** will be baked in cooperation with the Tyndall Bakery again this year. **Donations of fruit** are needed. **April 1 and April 4** are the days to make filling in the Pioneer Hall kitchen from **1:00-6:00 pm**. 6-8 workers are needed each day. Baking days at the bakery are **April 2 and April 5**. 10-12 people are needed each day. Contact Vernetta Waltner at vwaltner@freemanacademy.org or 605-321-7351 to volunteer your time or with any questions.
- **Heritage Hall Museum** is looking for volunteers for our pre-Schmeckfest work day (including: cleaning, rearranging, etc.) on Saturday, April 2, at 9:00 a.m. The museum is also in need of hosts to assist visitors during both weekends of Schmeckfest, specifically volunteers who are interested in the Deckert House or Diamond Valley School. Contact Kelsey Ortman at 605-421-1318 or email museum@freemaninfo.com for more information.

MCC Positions Available:

- The MCC Central States **Executive Director position** is available starting in June. The full job description is available at <http://mcc.org/get->

[involved/serve/openings/executive-director-cs](#)

• The **Office Manager/Bookkeeper position** is available start-ing in April at the MCC office in North Newton, Kansas. The full job description is available at <http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/office-managerbookkeeper-central-states> .

Please contact Heidi Huber at heidihuber@mcc.org for more infor-mation on either of these positions.

The **S.D. Mennonite Disaster Service unit annual mtg.** will be held April 3, 2 pm, at Neu Hutterthaler Mennonite Church, 7 miles S., 3 W., and 1/2 N of Bridgewater or 3 miles W., 6 miles N., 3 miles W., and 1/2 N. of Freeman. Cleo Koop, Director of Hesston College Disaster Manage-ment Program, will be the featured speaker. There will be a dedication of the new tool trailer that will be on site. More details next week. Eve-ryone is invited to attend.

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