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Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: LIVING INTO THE REALITY OF JESUS March 22, 2015

Prelude

O Lord Most Holy

Gathering Song: HWB no. 71,

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Welcome

Passing the Peace

Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer

Lord's Prayer (sins/sinned against us)

Call to Authenticity

L: Jesus, we want to mature in our faith, but what does that really mean?

P: **We have for so long, in subtle and insolent ways, embraced the things of this world, serving ourselves rather than our Savior.**

L: Yet, You call us to follow that we might be made new. Jesus, where will You lead us? What may be required if we're to live into Your reality?

P: **Precious Lord, speak love into our fear; speak hope into our uncertainty; speak peace into questions and despair speak the joy of trusting You into our wayward hearts.**

Silence

L: Jesus, help us to live into the reality of Your saving grace that we may more fully embrace the covenant we celebrate through the witness of baptism.

P: **Make us not only willing recipients of Your love, but active participants to it, growing in our faith in subtle and profound ways.**

Hymn: STJ no. 80,

Christ be Near at Either Hand

The Love of Christ: A Testimony

Children's Time:

Water?

Scripture Reading:

John 12: 20-33 (Pew Bible p. 569)

Silent Meditation

Hymn: HWB no. 447,

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Message:

We Wish to See Jesus

Baptism of Xavier Ward

A Time of Reflection

1. Does my life make a mockery of Jesus? Do I just pass by those who are in need, try to ignore the hurt of others, or pretend I don't see injustice?

2. What would it mean to live the rest of my life for Jesus — to not just say I will deny myself and follow, but to actual do so in practice? How would the way I relate to others — friends and enemies alike; in person and on social media — change? In what ways does Daniel Bonnell's painting on our bulletin cover speak to how we are to

relate to others?

3. How might you more faithfully practice *living into the reality of Jesus* today? What opportunities will you have this week to faithfully witness to Jesus?

Hymn: STJ no. 82,

Water Has Held Us

Time of Offering

Offertory Invitation

Sharing Our Gifts

Offertory Prayer

Lamb of God

Call to Commitment

L: Jesus calls us to live into His reality, witnessing to His grace through the waters of baptism and the full embrace of Christian discipleship.

P: God, as we depart from here, not simply to return to how things were, but to bear the fruit of how You desire things to be! By all we say and do, may our lives glorify Your name!

Musical Response

Postlude

Worship Participants: Edie Tschetter (*accompanist*), Suzanne Koerner (*song leader*), Felicity Jones (*lighting of the peace lamp*), Jill Hofer (*worship leader*), Xavier Ward (*testimony*), and Todd Jones (*children's time & message*)

PRAYER CONCERNS

- ***Xavier Ward*** (*baptism this morning*)
- ***Pastor Max Villatoro and Family***
- ***Heather VanMeveren*** (*recovering from a blood clot*)
- ***Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC)***: Pray for Constituency Leaders Council (CLC) meeting in North Newton, Kansas, this Thursday through Saturday. CLC is the group of conference leaders that gives counsel to the Mennonite Church USA Executive Board. Our Central Plains moderators and executive conference minister attend CLC.

Mennonite Mission Network (MMN): Passionfest, held in New Zealand last

month, is an annual celebration of Jesus, community, and justice. Pray for Mark and Mary Hurst of Mennonite Mission Network, based in Australia, as they follow up on contacts they made during the festival.

· ***Additional Prayers:***

TODAY

Greeters: John & Monica Clem

Coffee Time: Paul & Priscilla Hofer

11:10am: Sunday School

12:00pm: Women's Choir

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

Children's S.S. Spring Quarter Project: First Fruit Community Gardens

NEXT SUNDAY - Sixth Sunday of Lent - PALM SUNDAY

Greeters: Vernon J. & Norma Hofer

Accompanist: Norma Hofer

Worship Leader: Kim Jones

Song Leader: Marj Hofer

Coffee Time: Ray & Joyce Hofer

THIS WEEK

Wed. noon: Connection! deadline

Sat.: Women's Choir — 10:00am

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar. 29-Apr. 1: Holy Week Services feat. Marlene Kropf — 7:00pm

Apr. 1: Women's Choir — 8:15pm

Apr. 2: Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion — 7:00pm

Apr. 5: Easter Sunday

Apr. 7: Deacons Meeting—7:30pm (Koerner Residence)

Apr. 11: CPMC Leadership Meeting (Des Moines)

Apr. 13: Mennonite Women Work Night — 4:00pm

Connection! deadline: noon on Wed., Mar. 25. Give all info to Edie and Church News to Twyla.

The **Women's Choir** will be sharing in song for the Easter celebration, April 5th! Due to

other commitments, I need to meet at some unusual times. Check the calendar of events for weekly listings. ~ Amy

A new **pictorial directory** for Hutterthal is still in the works, however, due to scheduling conflicts, we are delaying the photo sessions until summer. We look forward to compiling this portrait of our church family and hope to resume work in the summer time. Thank you for your continued interest in this project and your patience as we move forward.--Monica Clem for the deacons

On Palm Sunday, March 29, we will be collecting a special offering for **the Benevolent Fund**. The Benevolent Fund is overseen by the Deacons of HMC and is used to assist members and friends of HMC who are suffering acute financial need. If you (or someone you know) is in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact a Deacon: Todd Koerner, Monica Hofer, or Monica Clem. NOTE: A basket will be placed in the church foyer for the collection of this offering. Thank you!

Holy Week 2015:

- 1) Hutterthal is hosting the annual Holy Week celebration this year. Our guest speaker is Marlene Kropf who will be sharing “**The Jesus-Journey: Pilgrimage to the Cross.**” Services begin Sunday, March 29 and run through Wednesday, April 1 at 7:00pm each evening. We encourage you to invite friends and family to this special celebration.
- 2) **Meals with Marlene:** Would you like to host Marlene Kropf (and Stanley, her husband) for lunch or supper? If you are interested, please inform Pastor Todd.
- 3) Holy Week **Offering Designation:** Once expenses have been met, we will be collecting funds for Central Plains Mennonite Conference’s continuing work among and with us. We will also be collecting hygiene products for the Bethany Food Pantry. You may bring these items to the church for placement in the Church Foyer.
- 4) On **Maundy Thursday**, April 2, we will be gathering at 7:00pm for worship. The service will include a celebration of Communion. At HMC, we celebrate an “open table” and invite all who have received Jesus as Savior and Lord to share in the bread and cup.

SCHMECKFEST:

- The **Country Kitchen is asking for donations of food items** for March 20, 21, 27, and 28. Poppyseed rolls, fruit pockets, pumpkin rolls, caramel rolls, jams, horseradish, and summer s savory sell especially well. Items should be marked.

· The Coffee Shop has moved to Frontier Hall where we will be serving all your coffee shop favorites. The new space offers Wi-fi, comfortable seating, live music and breakfast starting at 8am on Saturday.

About the Bulletin Cover Art and Artist:

The Moon The Dove and the Footwasher

Daniel Bonnell lives in Savannah, Georgia where he continues to create art that seeks to, in his own words, “reflect on the ultimate human need to fulfill an intrinsic longing that extends from birth to death. Simply put, it is a need to be held. My art symbolically speaks to this notion, especially with darkness (black) embracing light (color), with negative space enclosing positive space, and with texture calling out to be touched.” As you continue our Lenten journey, we invite you to meditate upon Bonnell’s work as you prayerfully engage our theme, *Living into the Reality of Jesus*.