



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 26, 2017

*"And Jesus said ... 'Come aside by yourselves to
a deserted place and rest a while.'"*

Mark 6: 31a, NKJV

Prelude

Koncert G-Dur (Hayden)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (Mason)

Gathering

Christ is Coming! Let Creation

HWB 295

Blessing and Honor and Glory

HWB 108

Welcome/Call to Worship

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 4: 1-8 (Pew Bible p. 631)

There is a Place of Quiet Rest

HWB 5

Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Time of Offering

Offering Invitation

Offertory Music

The Old Rugged Cross (Bennard)

Beneath the Cross of Jesus (Maker)

Offering Prayer

Children's Time

Let the Children Come

Child Dedication: Callum Edward Friesen
(son of David & Brandy Friesen)

In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting

HWB 526

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 4: 9-16 (Pew Bible p. 632)

Message

An Invitation to Rest

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

STJ 43

Benediction

Reprise (Hayden)

Musical Response

Postlude

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Melvin & Emma Hofer (celebrating 70 years of marriage)
- Jenny Kleinsasser
- Reagan Medina (scheduled for heart procedure on April 25)
- Larry Hofer
- Don Fischer (recovering from back surgery)
- Additional Prayers

TODAY — March 26, 2017

Greeters: Lyndon & Barbie Hofer

9:45 am: Worship Service

Accompanist: Shirley Hofer & Shannon Hofer Pottala

Message & Children's Message: Todd Jones

Coffee Time: Paul & Priscilla Hofer

11:10 am: Sunday School

NEXT SUNDAY — April 2, 2017 (5th SUNDAY of LENT)

Greeters: LaVonne Tschetter & Monica Hofer

Accompanist: Elvera Deckert

Children's Time & Message: Todd Jones

Coffee Time: David & Brandy Friesen

11:10 am: Sunday School for All Ages

MARCH PROJECTS

Congregational Ministries: Soap & Hygiene Kits for MCC

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

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 7:00pm: Connection Advisory Board (Parsonage)

Wednesday, 12:00pm: April Connection! Deadline

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 4, 4:00pm: Congregational Ministries Work Night

April 6, 7:00pm: Deacons Meeting (Hofer Residence)

April 7, 6:30pm: Gideon's Banquet (Marion)

April 10-12, 7:00pm: Joint Holy Week Services (South Church)

April 13, 7:00pm: Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion

April 20, 8:00pm: Church Board

April 30, 7:00pm: Community Baccalaureate Service
(Freeman Community Center)

May 29, 9:00am: Vacation Bible School Kick-off!

The church board brings the following recommendation/motion to the church for discussion and vote on April 9 following our morning worship: ***Motion*** to replace the Air Conditioner units in the sanctuary at an approximate cost of \$13,000, this spring; replacing 8 current units with 4 new units and updating the present electrical wiring (LeRoy P., Todd K.). There are funds available for use towards this project: Air conditioner fund (\$7600) and the Erwin R Gross fund (\$1000).

Plan to attend **work night on Tuesday, April 4**, beginning at 4pm in the fellowship hall. We'll be serving a soup supper around 5:30pm. Come when you can and for as long as you can. It will be a fun evening with some new projects this year. We'll need sewing machines, scissors, cutting boards, etc., so if you are able, please bring them with you. See mailbox flyer for more details.

On Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017, the Deacons will be collecting a special offering for the **Benevolent Fund**. This fund is confidentially overseen by the Deacons and is used to benefit those who are in financial need within our congregation. For further information on the fund or to seek assistance for yourself or another, please speak with Deacon Todd Koerner, Deaconess Monica Clem, or Deaconess Monica Hofer. A basket will be placed in the foyer on April 9 for donations. Thank you!

On **Maundy Thursday**, April 13, 2017, we will gather for a time of worship and fellowship at 7:00pm in the fellowship hall. This time of worship will include a **Celebration of Communion**. Please note that we celebrate an “open table,” and all who have received Christ as Savior and Lord are encouraged to join with us at this celebration.

Holy Week Services, April 10-12 “Detectives of Divinity” – Come to South Church’s building 7pm Mon., April 10 through Wed., April 12 for the annual joint worship services shared by Bethany, Hutterthal, Salem-Zion and Salem Mennonite Churches! This year we will be led by singer-songwriter Bryan Moyer Suderman as he calls us to be “detectives of divinity,” looking for clues of what God is doing in the world and how we are invited to join in. Through word and song Moyer Suderman will help us explore how the words of Scripture help us do this detective work. Offerings will be received to cover expenses. All ages welcome! Children’s time and nursery care provided.

The **Schmeckfest Country Kitchen** is asking for donations of food items for March 31 and April 1. Poppyseed rolls, fruit pockets, pumpkin rolls, caramel rolls, jams, horseradish and summer savory sell especially well. Items should be labeled. Thank you!

A **Women’s Crafting weekend** will be held at Swan Lake Christian Camp April 7-9. Bring your craft projects to work on during the weekend. SLCC will provide a table for you to work, a bed to sleep, to eat and some short devotionals. Cost is \$110 for the weekend. Call 605-326-5690 or email at campoffice@myslcc.com for reservations or more information.

According to the United Nations, the world is facing the largest humanitarian crisis since the second world war. More than 20 million people across Yemen, Somalia, South Sudan and northeast Nigeria are facing or are at risk of famine. Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is working in the area to provide **emergency food assistance** and increase its response to the crisis. Because of serious conflicts and concerns for safe, unimpeded access for humanitarian assistance, this process is slow and challenging. To donate to MCC’s relief fund, which supports MCC’s

response to this disaster and others, visit mcc.org/learn/what/relief, call 1-888-563-4676 send a check to MCC, PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501-0500.

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