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Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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PALM SUNDAY: LIVING INTO THE REALITY OF JESUS March 29, 2015

Prelude

The Palms~Faure

Gathering Song: HWB no. 43,

Christ Is Our Cornerstone

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, are You sure *this* is the way: self-denial, service, and sacrifice?

P: Why not pursue the acclaim of the crowd? The cross seems a terrible way to witness to Your Kingdom come.

L: We wish Your way was clear and simple, that the good were rewarded and the evil punished.

P: That, at least, would make more sense than choosing what should be clearly rejected.

Silence

L: Jesus, help us to live into Your reality — into the very Way that You have for us .

P: Reveal to us the blessings of Your Kingdom come — the blessedness of Your Way of self-denial, service, and sacrifice.

Hymn: HWB no. 238,

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Children's Time:

Palms

Scripture Reading:
Silent Meditation

Mark 11: 1-11 (Pew Bible p. 535)

Hymn: STJ no. 95,

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Message:

Join the Parade

A Time of Reflection

1. What, if anything, have you withheld from Jesus? What might it mean to release this/these things to Him today?
2. How might Daniel Bonnell's painting on our bulletin cover speak to an alternative to our culture of violence?
3. How might you more faithfully practice *living into the reality of Jesus* today? How might you "join the parade" in the coming week, not only believing, but *doing*?
4. If you were to live more fully into the reality of Jesus how would your life begin to change?

Hymn: HWB no. 410,

Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining

Time of Offering

Offertory Invitation

Sharing Our Gifts

Offertory Prayer

Ride on, Ride on in Majesty

Call to Commitment

L: Jesus calls us to live into His reality, to seek not the acclaim of the crowds, but the Way of the cross.

P: **God, as we depart from here, go with us that our loud hosannas may not become violent cries. Lead us on a pilgrimage to the cross and beyond to the joy of resurrection.**

Musical Response

Postlude

Come, Sweet Death~Bach

Worship Participants: Norma Lee Hofer (*accompanist*), Marj Hofer (*song leader*), Peyton McCune (*lighting of the peace lamp*), Todd Koerner (*worship leader*), and Todd Jones (*children's time & message*)

PRAYER CONCERNS

- ***Pastor Max Villatoro and Family***
- ***Heather VanMeveren***
- ***Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC):*** Pray for MC USA Executive Board meeting in Kansas City next Monday through Wednesday to prepare for the July delegate assembly.
- ***Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):*** Janet Stucky of MMN serves as a nutritional consultant at Bethesda Hospital in Benin. Pray for funding to implement a program to improve the diets of pregnant women, children under 5 years old, and people living with HIV/AIDS.
- ***Additional Prayers:***

TODAY - Sixth Sunday of Lent - PALM SUNDAY

Greeters: Delmer & Shirley Hofer

Coffee Time: Ray & Joyce Hofer

Worship Leader: Todd Koerner

Song Leader: Marj Hofer

11:10am: Sunday School

7:00pm: Holy Week Service

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

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

MAUNDY THURSDAY:

Accompanist: Elvera Deckert

Worship Leader: Kim Jones

Song Leader: David Friesen

NOTE: Communion will be shared

NEXT SUNDAY - EASTER SUNDAY

Greeters: Vernon and Norma Lee Hofer

Accompanist: Shirley Hofer

Worship Leader: Les Rensink

Song Leader: Les Rensink

Coffee Time: Dave & Brandy Friesen

THIS WEEK

Sun.-Wed.: Holy Week Services feat. Marlene Kropf - 7:00pm

Wed: Women's Choir — 8:15pm

Thurs.: Freeman Ministerial—10:00am (Living Fountain)

Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion - 7:00pm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Apr. 8: Music Comm. & accompanists meeting, 7:00 (HMC)

Apr. 11: CPMC Leadership Meeting (Des Moines)

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

Apr. 14: Worship Committee — 6:30pm

Mission & Outreach — 7:30pm

Apr. 16: Church Board — 7:30pm

May 26-30: Cross-Culture Thailand Trek VBS

This morning 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 this evening at 7:00pm and run through Wed. evening. 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 CPMC’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.

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*.