



**Hutterthal Mennonite Church**

*Christ centered- Living, Relating, Serving*

**Called to deep commitment**

*Second*



**SUNDAY**

**IN LENT**

**We are transformed by God  
as we follow God's voice along the path of life,  
a voice calling us to deep commitment.  
Even when our path leads deep into unfamiliar woods,  
as we lose ourselves, we are found.**

**Sunday, February 28, 2021**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship and Prayer** Printed on next page

**Lent Theme Hymn** *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*  
(words printed in the insert page)

**Prayer of Confession and Assurance** Printed on next page

**Sharing Time and Prayer**

**Special Music** *Trust in You*

**Children's Time**

**Scripture** Genesis 17:1-8; 15-22 Pew Bible p. 8

**Sermon** "Deep Commitment"

**Worship Hymn** *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* HWB #307

**Offering Blessing**

**Sending Hymn** *Som'landela (We Will Follow)*

**Benediction and Postlude**

**TODAY February 28 10:00 am Service**

**Accompanist:** Paige Zachariasen

**Worship Leader:** Amanda Mettler

**Special Music:** by Lauren Daigle, arranged by Paige Zachariasen

**Lent Theme Hymn:** by, Simon Khorolskiy

**Worship Hymn:** by Bukas Palad Music Ministry

**Children's Time:** Barbie Hofer

**Message:** Pastor Randall Koehler

**Sending Hymn:** by Intersivity Christian Fellowship USA

**No Children's Sunday School**

## **Call to Worship**

**Speaker One:** God, you ask us to set our minds on you, to walk before you and be blameless. You teach us what matters, and you do not hide your face from us.

**Speaker Two:** With each step along the path, we are transformed into who you made and called us to be.

**Speaker One:** God, you teach us that when we lose our life, we save it.

**Speaker Two:** With each step along the path, we hope against hope in your promises.

**Speaker One:** God, you say you will make us exceedingly fruitful, that you will bless us.

**Speaker Two:** With each step along the path, we take up our cross and follow you.

**Speakers:** We believe your everlasting covenant is to be God to us, and that we will live forever. We call out to you, as you call us deeper into this covenant.

## **Prayer of Confession and Assurance**

**All:** Deep calls to deep. We call to you from the depths of our hearts.

**Speaker One:** We confess when we have stayed on the edges. Not listening to each other. Not taking the path you show. We confess when we have strayed from the way. Silencing suffering. Forfeiting life.

(Silence)

Deep calls to deep. You call to us from the depth of your love.

**All:** Calling us to deep commitment. We come to you, God.

## **NEXT SUNDAY March 7 Third Sunday of Lent**

**10:00 am:** Worship Service

**Accompanist:** Amy Hofer Vetch

**Worship Leader:**

**Special Music:** Kenny and Aprille Birkey

**Children's Time:** Rebecca Hofer

**Message:** Pastor Randall Koehler

No Children's Sunday School

## CALENDAR

### February Project:

Infant Care Kits

**(PLEASE NOTE:** Sharon Waltner is willing to purchase items for these kits. If you are interested, please contact her. Cost is \$25/kit)

**March 3rd:** 7:30 pm; On-line Bible Study

### "O The Deep Deep Love Of Jesus"

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Vast unmeasured, boundless, free!  
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!  
Underneath me, all around me,  
is the current of Thy love  
leading onward, leading homeward  
to Thy glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Spread His praise from shore to shore!  
How He loves us, ever loves us, changes never, nevermore!  
How He watches o'er His loved ones,  
died to call them all His own  
how for them He's interceding,  
watching o'er them from the throne!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
love of every love the best!  
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a have sweet of rest!  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
'tis a heaven of heavens to me;  
and it lifts me up to glory,  
for it lifts me up to thee!

**HMC Zoom Bible Study** - Our next virtual Bible study will be March 3rd at 7:30 pm. A link will be sent via email prior to the meeting. The meeting will open at 7:00 with the Bible study starting at 7:30. After the Bible study ends, the meeting will stay open to allow more time for visiting if need be.

**The Et Cetera Shoppe** is in need of a new volunteer to steam wrinkled clothing before it is put out for sale. This is a GREAT position for someone who needs lots of flexibility. This person would come to the shop only one week a month – two or three times that week, for around 2 hours each time. If this is something you could consider, please call the shop at 925-7098 and let Kris or Anita know of your interest.

**Kuchen making planned March 5-6.** The Freeman Academy Auxiliary will be making kuchen on March 5-6 starting at 9 a.m. in the Dining Hall kitchen. The kuchen will be sold at the Schmeckfest drive-thru days on March 16-17 and March 25-26.

We will be using glass pie plates, so if anyone has some to loan or bring along to the work days, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Debra Schmeichel if you are willing to help, 648-3430, or [ssag@goldenwest.net](mailto:ssag@goldenwest.net). Thank you! FA Auxiliary

**Ministry Opportunity** Do you have a heart for mentoring students and strong organizational skills? Freeman Academy is looking for a Resident Director to supervise and encourage 12 boarding students in on-campus housing. Salary plus benefits including health insurance, retirement, room and board. Main responsibilities are building relationships with students and overseeing daily life at the dorm including cooking the evening meal, coordinating student activities, and communicating with parents. Retirees and experienced parents are urged to apply. For more information visit [FreemanAcademy.org/employment/](http://FreemanAcademy.org/employment/) or contact Nathan Epp, Head of School, [nepp@freemanacademy.org](mailto:nepp@freemanacademy.org) or 605-925-4237.

What sets Christian education apart?

Learn more at the **Freeman Academy Open House on March 19 from 2-4pm**. Drop in for information or to schedule visits with teachers, register at [FreemanAcademy.org](http://FreemanAcademy.org).

**Swan Lake Christian Camp** Annual meeting will be hosted virtually on March 7 at 4:00 pm. The meeting will be held over zoom. If you would like to participate, please call the office at 605-326-5690 or email [campoffice@myslcc.com](mailto:campoffice@myslcc.com) to get log in information sent to you.

**COVID Relief Fund** – Central Plains Mennonite Conference has set up a fund where people can donate their excess stimulus money and CPMC will work with our churches to get that money in the hands of congregations and individuals who have been hit hard by the pandemic. Checks can be earmarked, *COVID Relief Fund*, and mailed to the CPMC office (PO Box 101, Freeman, SD 57029-0101) or donations can be made online using the DONATE button on the bottom right of our webpage: [www.centralplainsmc.org](http://www.centralplainsmc.org) (be sure to include a special instruction on the PayPal page that directs the money to the COVID Relief Fund). A quick link to the application form for accessing this money is on the CPMC homepage at [www.centralplainsmc.org](http://www.centralplainsmc.org).

**Central Plains Mennonite Conference:** It's not too late to add a spiritual practice or two for Lent! Join Stan Harder as he teaches and gives opportunities to try a new spiritual practice each week during Lent. Each Tuesday throughout Lent. Join when you can. For more information about the upcoming Lenten Spiritual Practices webinars, visit our website, [centralplainsmc.org](http://centralplainsmc.org)

**MCC Alumni Gathering, July 9-11 at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp!** All MCC alumni are invited to Colorado to relax in the cool mountain air this summer. We realize there is still uncertainty about summer activities due to COVID-19. At this point, we are planning to have this gathering, all registrations will be refunded if the event gets cancelled. We ask that you still go ahead and register if you plan to attend. Find all the details, including COVID-19 protocols that the camp is following and REGISTER at [mcc.org/alumni-gathering](http://mcc.org/alumni-gathering).

**From Central Plains Mennonite Conference:** In conversation with the Board and Staff, Central Plains Mennonite Conference Annual Meeting Task Group has decided that this years CPMC Annual Meeting will take place in a virtual format on June 18 & 19, culminating in a conference-wide worship service on June 20. More information can be found on our website as it becomes available ([centralplainsmc.org/annual-meeting-2021](http://centralplainsmc.org/annual-meeting-2021))

### Prayer Requests and Praise:

- On this Second Sunday of Lent Lord, your commandment of love is so simple and so challenging. Help us to let go of our pride, to be humble in our penance. We want only to live the way you ask us to love, to love the way you ask us to live. We ask this through your son, Jesus, who stands at our side today and always.
- Pray for the staff of Swan Lake Christian Camp (SD) and Crooked Creek Christian Camp (IA) as they begin to prepare for the summer camping season

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