



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered- Living, Relating, Serving

Called to Deep Healing



The wilderness confronts us
with our vulnerability and
exposes our wounds and our needs.
We are called to deep healing by
trusting in God, who calls us in love

Sunday, March 14, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Lent
10:00 a.m.

Prelude *I Will Arise and Go To Jesus*
Southern Folk Melody, arr. Mark Hayes

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

Children's Time

Scripture Numbers 21:1-9 Pew Bible p. 85

Sermon "Deep Healing"

Worship Hymn *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

Offering Blessing

Sending Hymn *Amazing Grace* HWB #143

Benediction and Postlude *You Are My All in All*
by Dennis L. Jernigan, setting by John Carter

TODAY March 14th 10:00 am Service

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Worship Leaders: Larry and Edie Tschetter

Lent Theme Hymn: by Morgan Koehler

Children's Time: Rebecca Hofer

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Worship Hymn: by Stuart Townend sung by Chris Brunelle

Sending Hymn: by Morgan Koehler

No Children's Sunday School

Call to Worship

Speaker One: The wilderness is without and within. It too is part of God's path, though we fear wild, barren places, as did the people of old.

Speaker Two: When the people became impatient, asking, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?" God answered by bringing healing.

Speaker One: In our barren places, God calls us to wholeness, even when we cannot see beyond the danger, isolation, and need.

Speaker Two: We forget that God is already at work in these difficult, painful places.

Speaker One: Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Chosen One be lifted up, that whoever believes may have eternal life.

Speaker Two: For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Speakers: We call out to you, as you call us to deeper healing.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

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

Speaker One: We confess how the wilderness has revealed our need, uncovering our impatience, lifting up our pain. We confess how the wilderness has revealed your truth. We are created for good works. We can turn and live. (Silence. Or name the forces that keep us from deep healing.) Deep calls to deep. You call to us from the depth of your love.

Speakers: Calling us to deep healing. We come to you, God

NEXT SUNDAY March 21 Fifth Sunday of Lent

10:00 am: Worship Service

Accompanist: Norma Hofer

Worship Leaders: John and Monica Clem

Special Music: arranged by John and Monica Clem

Children's Time: Suzanne Koerner

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

No Children's Sunday School

CALENDAR

March Project:

Soap and Hygiene Kits for MCC

March 17: 7:30 pm; On-line Bible Study

April 13 1:30 pm; Prayer Shawl group meeting at HMC

"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 17th 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 Schmeckfest drive-thru sale, offering Schmeckfest baked goods and sausage, will be held the next two weekends, **March 19-20 and 26-27**. The drive-thru is open for business from 1 to 6 p.m. each day. Go to Schmeckfest.com to order and find out more information on the event.

If you have been baking for the sale, please bring all food items to the Maintenance Building on Thursday evening, March 18, from 7 to 8 p.m., or Friday morning, March 19, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. This will allow us to get a final count and update all inventory we have for purchase. Contact Kathy Kleinsasser, 925-7952, if other arrangements need to be made.

Thanks to all of you that have been willing to make items for this fundraising event. We appreciate your support of Freeman Academy and Schmeckfest!

Spring Events at Freeman Academy: [Find out more at FreemanAcademy.org](http://FreemanAcademy.org) Leap Forward and Schmeckfest donation match continues.

March 19 – Open House 2-4pm. Families welcome to drop in or request a tour, register at FreemanAcademy.org.

March 19-20 – Schmeckfest Drive-Thru (Open 1-6pm)

March 26-27 – Schmeckfest Drive-Thru (Open 1-6pm)

April 8 – Kindergarten Screening 3-6pm. Register for an appointment.

Now Open – Faith and Leadership Scholarship applications. Encourage your youth leaders to apply for this special opportunity and the 40% tuition discount.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! Plan to attend the **SD MCC Relief Sale** on Saturday, July 10. It will be a very different event than you have experienced in the past and will be held outdoors during the evening hours at the Prairie Rose Arboretum. There will be entertainment, an auction, activities for children and more. We are excited to be able to raise funds for Mennonite Central Committee in this unique way. More details at a later date.

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.

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)

Have the winter blues got you down? Are you looking for a creative outlet? Look no further! The third of three “Creating Together: imaginative art as a spiritual practice” webinars is coming up soon! Thursday, March 18, join Michelle Hofer as she demonstrates an art technique and connects it to spirituality—then take a turn trying the new technique yourself! For more information about this webinar and the zoom link, visit our website, centralplainsmc.org

SD CARES HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The State of South Dakota in collaboration with SD Housing Development Authority, Helpline Center, and partner agencies, are working to assist South Dakotans who have been impacted by COVID-19 and the related economic crisis by offering financial assistance to help stabilize their housing situation. The funding is provided to South Dakota through the CARES Act and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 - Emergency Rental Assistance. The two funding sources will vary in eligibility requirements, eligible uses and required documentation.

If you are unable to pay rent, mortgage, property insurance on your home, or utilities because of the pandemic, short-term financial assistance may be available.

SD CARES Housing Assistance Program may provide temporary housing or utility assistance for South Dakota residents who meet all of the following criteria:

- Households income qualify based on county of residence. You must fall below the income level listed for your county and household size.
- Have one or more individuals in the household who has qualified for unemployment benefits, experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs or experienced other financial hardship due directly or indirectly to the coronavirus outbreak.
- Have one or more individuals in the household that have a past due utility bill or mortgage statement or are able to prove that they are at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability.

For more information or to apply go to: <https://sdcareshousingassistance.communityos.org/sdcares2021>

Prayer Requests and Praise:

- On this fourth Sunday of Lent Father, many of us need healing. We need healing for past hurts, random physical pains and Spiritual healing. We reach up to You to receive this healing so that we may be whole and that we may be able to then minister to others in a way that brings You fullness of glory. How wonderful to be able to worship You without stain or blemish and to be totally healed. Show others Your healing power so that they may also be healed and walk in wholeness.
- Boni Hofer's brother-in-law Donald Glanzer passed away this past week. Please keep Boni and the rest of Don's family in your thoughts and prayers in this time.
- Pray for our church and our church family. Also pray for our sister churches: Sermon on the Mount in Sioux Falls and Bethany, Salem, and Salem-Zion here in Freeman
- Please pray for the family of Luz Neida Ortiz Hernández who passed away March 3rd in Aibonito, Puerto Rico. Luz Neida was the sister of Rosalina Ortiz Hofer and aunt to Amy Hofer Vetch. She was a member of the Iglesia Evangélica Menonita de Aibonito (Aibonito Evangelical Mennonite Church.) Luz Neida was 85 years old.

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