



**Hutterthal Mennonite Church**

*Christ Centered- Living, Relating, Serving*

## Called to Deep Growth

# *Fifth*



SUNDAY

IN LENT

Like a seed that falls deep into the dark, rich earth, we are called to deep growth, releasing our attachments that prevent us from bearing and offering fruit.

**Sunday, March 21, 2021**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**10:00 a.m.**

Prelude

Welcome

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*Rock of Ages*

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Children's Time

Lent Theme Hymn

*O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*  
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Scripture

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Worship Hymn

*Spirit, Open My Heart*  
Voices Together #636

Offering Blessing and Sending Hymn

Voices Together #141  
*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

**Benediction and Postlude**

**TODAY March 21st 10:00 am Service**

**Accompanist:** Norma Hofer

**Worship Leader:** John and Monica Clem

**Lent Theme Hymn:** by Michael Card

**Children's Time:** Suzanne Koerner

**Hymn of the Month by:** Antrim Mennonite Choir

**Message:** Pastor Randall Koehler

**Worship Hymn:** by Laura Beth Smith

**Sending Hymn:** sung by, Morgan Koehler

## **Call to Worship**

**Speaker One:** The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with Israel. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

**Speaker Two:** God, teach us wisdom in our secret hearts. Put a new and right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit.

**Speaker One:** We trust you, God, to forgive our iniquities and remember our sin no more.

**Speaker Two:** There is a time for everything, and sometimes, the hour is upon us.

**Speaker One:** Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, knowing that those who love their life will lose it.

**Speaker Two:** "The hour has come. Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

**Speakers:** We call out to you, as you call us to deeper growth

## **Prayer of Confession and Assurance**

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

**Speaker One:** We confess our resistance to being planted into your aching earth, into the way of your covenant. We confess our need for you to plant within us the joy of your salvation, a willing spirit. (Silence) Deep calls to deep. You call to us from the depth of your love.

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

## **NEXT SUNDAY March 28 Palm Sunday 10:00am**

**Accompanist:** Paige Zachariasen

**Worship Leader:** Cole Hofer

**Children's Time:** Brigitta Hofer

**Special Music:** arranged by Donovan and Sherryl Friesen

**Message:** Pastor Randall Koehler

**\*\*On Palm Sunday (March 28), there will be palm branches available for the children to grab as they walk into the sanctuary. When the time for our children's story comes, we ask that the children bring their palm branches with them to the front of the sanctuary. Then they will lay the palm branches at the foot of the cross when they get to the front.**

## CALENDAR

**March Project:** Soap and Hygiene Kits for MCC.

**March 24:** 7:30 pm; On-line Bible Study.

**March 28 - 31,** 7:00 p.m., Sunday - Wednesday Community Holy Week Service, via Zoom, hosted by Salem Zion Mennonite Church (see paragraph in announcements).

**April 1,** 7:00 p.m. Hutterthal Maundy Thursday Communion Service.

**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!

# March Hymn of the Month

chosen by Sarah Stahl.

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood,  
from thy wounded side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure;  
save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands  
can fulfill thy law's commands;  
could my zeal no respite know,  
could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone;  
thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
simply to the cross I cling;  
naked, come to thee for dress;  
helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the fountain fly;  
wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
when mine eyes shall close in death,  
when I soar to worlds unknown,  
see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee.

**Hymn of the Month** During 2021, *the Connection!* will be featuring a hymn each month, chosen by a church member.

**This month's hymn was chosen by Sarah Stahl.** She chose *Rock of Ages* Sarah said, "It is my favorite because of what we believe in. Our rock is Jesus Christ. It is one of my favorites to play on the piano."

**HMC Zoom Bible Study** - Our next virtual Bible study will be **March 24th 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.

**Community Holy Week Services** are being hosted this year by Salem Zion Mennonite Church, Sunday - Wednesday, March 28 - 31, 7:00 p.m. Because of Covid protocol, these services will be available to us via live-streaming. Our speaker is Rachel Miller Jacobs, D. Min. She will be speaking on the theme 'Ordinary Forgiveness', explored as Jesus journey to the cross. Rachel Miller Jacobs is a practical theologian/educator with particular interest in how groups (families, small groups, classrooms and congregations) help form mature Christians. At AMBS, Rachel teaches in the areas of Christian formation, family spirituality, worship and pedagogy. Rachel brings a vibrant spirit to whatever classroom she is in and we look forward to hearing from Rachel in these special worship services. [The link to the services will be forthcoming.](#)

**Offering money** can be sent to Salem Zion Mennonite Church and noted 'Holy Week Services'. Money exceeding expenses will go to the Bienvenidos ministry in Flandreau SD.

**The Schmeckfest drive-thru sale**, offering Schmeckfest baked goods and sausage, will be held the next two weekends, **March 26-27**. The drive-thru is open for business from 1 to 6 p.m. each day. Go to [Schmeckfest.com](http://Schmeckfest.com) to order and find out more information on the event.

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

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](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:

- Please pray for those in our community, nation, and world who are currently fighting COVID, for those who have lost a close friend or relative to COVID, and for those caught in the middle of the political turmoil surrounding COVID
- On this fifth Sunday of Lent, Dear Father, Your grace amazes us. We pray that we never get over the wonder of it. Thank You that even as we grow, our whole life long, we can never outgrow Your grace. We pray that You transform us into Your image with ever-increasing glory, until the day when our growth is complete and we finally see You face-to-face.
- Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for SADRA Conflict Transformation, a branch of the Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency, which trains high school peer mediators. Pray for Director Oscar Siwali and the young mediators as they use their skills to build peace in their communities.
- Pray for CPMC's Partners in Mission, Philip Friesen and the Agape Peace Center. *(You can find out more about each of them on the CPMC website)*

**HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:**

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