



Hutterthal Mennonite Church
Christ Centered- Living, Relating, Serving

Called to Deep Hope



**As we follow Jesus into Holy Week,
we sense the rush of the crowds and seek the
deep, steady current of God's steadfast love,
calling us to deep hope in the One who comes
in the name of the Lord.**

Sunday, March 28, 2021
Palm Sunday
10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship and Prayer

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Special Music

Be Thou My Vision

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

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Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Lent Theme Hymn

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus
(words printed in the insert page)

Scripture

Isaiah 50:4-11 Pew Bible p. 386

Sermon

Deep Hope

Hymn of the Month

Rock of Ages, cleft for me

Offering Blessing

Sending Hymn

My Hope is Built Voices Together #621

Benediction and Postlude

****Today**, 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.

EASTER SUNDAY, Hutterthal worshipers are invited to bring an Easter lily to share with our church on Easter Sunday. The church will be open on Saturday, April 3, or you may simply bring a lily on Easter morning and place it in the front of the sanctuary by the cross. We look forward to a jubilant celebration of our Lord's resurrection.

TODAY March 28st 10:00 am Service

Accompanist: Paige Zachariasen

Worship Leader: Cole Hofer

Special Music: by Robert Hunter sung by Freeman Academy Boys

Ensemble Members: Seth Balzer, Timothy Epp, Noah Hofer, Gabe Miller, Angel Hernandez, Connor Epp, Aidan Kesteloot, Fred Nelson, and Tyler Brockmueller.

* arranged by Donovan and Sherryl Friesen

Lent Theme Hymn: by Johnson Family Strings

Children's Time: Brigitta Hofer

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Hymn of the Month: by Topher Keene

Sending Hymn: from the Hymns Project

Call to Worship

Speaker One: In the current of life, God calls us to deep hope.

Many: God wakens my ear, and I turn to God. I do not turn toward those who strike me. I do not hide my face from insult.

Speaker One: God helps us, so let us stand up together.

Speaker Two: Save us, O Lord! Bind the festival procession with branches. You are our God. We give thanks, for you are good, and your steadfast love endures.

Speaker One: Many shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!"

Speaker Two: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus, who humbled himself and became our hope.

Speakers: We call out to you, as you call us to deep hope .

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

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

Speaker One: We confess the rapid pace of life that sweeps us off our feet into whirlpools of expectations, into eddies of busy distractions. We confess our need for a steadfast stream of your grace enduring forever, saving us. (Silence)

Deep calls to deep.

You call to us from the depth of your love.

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

NEXT SUNDAY April 4, Easter Sunday 10:00am

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Worship Leader: Les Rensink

Children's Time: Kylea Waltner

Special Music: by Sunday School Department

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

CALENDAR

March Project: Soap and Hygiene Kits for MCC.

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. HMC Maundy Thursday Communion Service.

April 7: 7:30 pm; On-line Bible Study

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

April 15, 8pm Church Board mtg via zoom

"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.

HMC's annual Maundy Thursday Communion Service will be this Thursday, April 1, at 7 pm in the sanctuary. We ask when you arrive at the service Thursday evening, please spread out across the sanctuary and sit alone (if you are comfortable doing so) with your mask on in silence.

Our themes this year are Betrayal and Isolation. At the last supper, Jesus is fully aware that soon he will be all alone, bearing the burden of the disciples' desertion, the false accusations of the religious authorities, and the brutal judgment of the Roman empire. Betrayal by Judas leads Jesus down the lonely path of the cross as his friends and followers abandon him out of fear of the crowd.

This past year with COVID has made each of us intimately aware of physical isolation, political alienation and betrayal, and anxiety-induced emotional exhaustion. Jesus experienced similar feelings in his journey from the last supper to the garden to the cross. We identify with Jesus in this most difficult time, knowing that he has walked this road before and walks alongside us today. We will take communion at this service, remembering Jesus's broken body and shed blood as we walk into the days of passion and death that lead up to Easter Sunday

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 all services:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX8KyFIZChK0EfrlBAaS3A>

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.

HMC Zoom Bible Study - Our next virtual Bible study will be **April 7th 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.

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.

Volunteers needed at the Et Cetera Shoppe, The world is longing to “return to normal”, and so is the Et Cetera Shoppe! But in order to do so, we would need more volunteers. Currently we are in need of clothing pricers (a weekly position), a shoe department person (totally flexible), and clerks up front (flexible shifts). If you'd like to join the fun and be part of our mission that impacts people both locally and globally, PLEASE call the shop at 925-7098 and talk to Kris or Anita to express your interest.

Spring Events at Freeman Academy:

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.

CPMC Response to recent mass shootings: Last week's shooting in Atlanta has brought to light again the racism, antagonism and violence that has been directed at people of Asian ancestry here in the United States, particularly over the past year. Within our conference we have several congregations that are made up primarily of people with Asian heritage and many other individuals with an Asian background. We continue to live in a world where the color of people's skin and their ancestry can make them targets for people who choose hate. As a peace church, we are called to stand with the marginalized and speak for those who have no voice. We are reminded again that peace is not just an absence of war, but it is building a just world where people are judged by their character and not by their skin color or racial heritage. We pray, "God give us the imagination and wisdom of the Holy Spirit to stand with the hurting and to bring the peace of Christ into these situations."

Amanda Bleichty – Conference Minister for Faith Formation

Susan Janzen – Conference Minister for Ministerial Leadership

Nathan Luitjens – Executive Conference Minister

CPMC Annual meeting: In conversation with the Board and Staff, Central Plains Mennonite Conference Annual Meeting Task Group has decided that this year's 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)

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.

Prayer Requests and Praise:

- Please pray for our Church family, though we be apart. We pray to be joined all together as followers of Christ.
- This Palm Sunday we pray, that you will come to meet us in humble ways. You meet us in the lengthening of the light. You meet us in the fragrance of the earth, melting. You meet us in the delicate petals of the first yellow crocus blossom. You meet us in the first bee we see. This year we will look for little signs of life, not passing them by, but stopping and giving thanks for your presence in the beauty of our world. Your holy presence is all around us. Thank you for this congregation gathered to worship, and for the deep deep hope in you. Thank you for showing us the joy of losing ourselves and finding your strength.
- Pray for Central Plains congregations that are in the midst of pastoral searches. Pray for search committees and for candidates looking for churches, that God may guide the search process according to God's will.

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