

SEEKING GOD'S WAYS

We seek God's way.

We move from a place where

Fear dictates our actions

to a space where Compassion

shapes our response to others.





Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered – Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, March 13, 2022

First Sunday of Lent

9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship and Prayer

*Gathering and Praising

Blessed Be Your Name VT #637

The God of Sarah Praise VT #190

Scripture Reading

Psalm 27 Pew Bible p. 294

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Special Music

Hey Jonah

Lenten Prayer of Confession

Scripture Reading

Luke 13:31-35 Pew Bible p. 551

Message

"From Fear to Compassion"

Offering Prayer

Responding and Sending

When the Storms of Life Are Raging VT #595

The Lord Is My Light VT #437

*Benediction

Postlude

*please stand if you are able

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

www.HMCFreeman.org

Call to Worship:

Leader: Together we seek the way of God.

People: As disappointment oppresses and violence threatens,

Leader: we come to ask: Whom shall we fear?

**People: We come to be reminded of God's power and to be led
more deeply into God's love.**

Leader: We long to gather under the wings of Christ, as a
mother hen,

All: and learn the holy way of compassion

Lenten Prayer of Confession:

(Isaiah 55 adapted)

Leader: Holy One, we seek you while you may be found.

People: We call upon you while you are near.

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, for our thoughts are not
your thoughts and our ways are not your ways.

**People: Forgive us for living in fear. Help us live out compas-
sion.**

Leader: As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey, let us
see your way more clearly.

All: and follow your way more faithfully.

TODAY March 13, 9:45 am Second Sunday of Lent

Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch

Worship Leader: Brandon Waltner

Song Leader: Amanda Mettler

Children's Time: Pastor Randall

Puppeteers: Cole Hofer & Jaden Thomas

Puppets: Louis & Penny

Special Music: Elias, Cullum and Henry Friesen

Noelle Friesen and Finley McCune

arranged by Steve and Charlene Friesen

Message: Pastor Randall

Coffee Time: Paul and Priscilla Hofer

Children's Sunday School following the service

Adult Sunday School following coffee time

NEXT SUNDAY March 20, 9:45 am Third Sunday of Lent

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Worship Leader: Suzanne Koerner

Song Leader: Aprille Birkey

Special Music: Rodney and Amanda Mettler

Children's Time: Cole Hofer, Jaden Thomas, & Pastor Randall

Message: Pastor Randall

Coffee Time: Cameron and Rina Hofer

Children's Sunday School following the service

Adult Sunday School following coffee time

CALENDAR:

March 16: HMC Church Board Meeting - 7 PM

Congregational Ministries Project for March: Soap or Hygiene Kits,

Soap bars of all sizes and kinds. MCC Hygiene Kits that include:

* 1 adult-size toothbrush (in manufacturer's pkg)

* 1 large bar bath soap (in pkg)

* 1 nail clipper (good quality)

* 1 wide tooth comb

* 1 hand towel (medium weight, dark or bright colors; approx.
16" x 26")

FA Auxiliary Walk-in Country Kitchen on March 26 & April 2

Donations sought for Country Kitchen market: The FA Auxiliary is planning a Schmeckfest Stop, including a walk-in Country Kitchen market in conjunction with traditional Schmeckfest sausage sales. Homemade sausage, ethnic foods and other baked goods will be sold March 26 and April 2 from 2 to 7 p.m. on the Freeman Academy campus.

Donations of baked items of any kind would be appreciated. Popular foods include: cheese and fruit pockets, kuchen, poppyseed and pumpkin rolls, jam, summer savory, pies and sweet rolls. Contact Amy Waltner, 605-648-3772, or Kathy Kleinsasser, 605-925-7952 for more information and ways to help out with the Country Kitchen fundraiser.

SD MCC Relief Sale: In spite of COVID-19, we did great in 2021 – let's do it again in 2022! The 2021 SD MCC Relief Sale netted \$38,862.10 the day of the event. It was interesting to note that My Coins Count contributed over \$11,600, which is more than 1/3 of the net, so keep saving those coins and find people to match what is raised by your children, your grandchildren, or your church. Additional donations and the Larry Waltner concert brought the total raised by the relief sale effort to \$52,763.32. Minnesota Mennonite Churches also contributed to Minn-Kota, so together, we were able to send \$68,464.92 to Mennonite Central Committee. THANK YOU for making this happen! The 2022 sale will be held July 9 in Freeman.

Spring Events at Freeman Academy

**Register online at FreemanAcademy.org.*

April 5, Tuesday: Kindergarten Screening – register for a time*

April 8, Friday: Applications due for fall enrollment

Et Cetera Shoppe: You have a lot of options when it comes to finding new life for clothing and furniture you no longer use – Facebook Marketplace, eBay, or just putting things out on a curb! We're so grateful when you choose to donate to Et Cetera Shoppe, where your donations help support MCC's work here in our community, in Ukraine, and around the world. When you donate furniture pieces or clothing items to our shop, your donations are tax deductible – and it's a LOT less work than a rummage sale! Help us to continue to provide affordable items for people in our community. Our furniture area is currently almost empty, so bring us your donations on Monday-Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and let us turn them into help for those in need!

MDS Opportunity: You are invited to what is hoped to be the final work week at the Pine Ridge Volunteer Center during the week of March 21-24. Finishing tasks and clean up of all kinds are anticipated. Call Dennis Ries at 605-925-7788 or 605-759-4312 if interested and willing to help during any part of those dates.

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- Lord God, in your holy word today, we hear you asking us to come to you—and more—you seeking us out like a hen seeks out her chicks. You offer us the protection and the safety of your strong wings. Help us, O God, to stop each day and to listen for your call; to pause and allow you to overtake us; to wait and to have your warmth and your wisdom overwhelm us.
- Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Prince of Peace Mennonite Church and the Service Adventure unit in Anchorage, Alaska, as Zaden Issah, Sam Setiawan and leader Michael Oyer recently welcomed three new participants from Germany: Sarah Huber, Alexander Mantler and Daniel Schumacher. Ask God to bless their transition to a larger household.
- Pray for the people of Ukraine, for peace negotiations between leaders of Ukraine and Russia, and for wisdom for other world leaders in their response to this conflict. Pray for refugees fleeing their homes and livelihoods. Pray for the families of those who have lost their lives as civilians or soldiers. May God's peace come today to eastern Europe.

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