

SEEKING GOD'S WAYS

As we seek God's way, we move
from prioritizing personal security
to living with generosity
toward our neighbors.





Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered – Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, March 6, 2022

First Sunday of Lent

9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship and Prayer

*Gathering and Praising

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues VT #764

Jesus, Tempted in the Desert VT #307

Scripture Reading

Psalms 91 Pew Bible p. 316

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Special Music

Learning to Lean by Tom Hinton

Lenten Prayer of Confession

Scripture Reading

Luke 4:1-13 Pew Bible p. 542

Message

"From Security to Generosity"

Offering Prayer

Responding and Sending

Take Thou My Hand VT #631

And I Will Raise You Up VT #641

*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: through the wilderness of Lent, through the wilderness of life.

Leader: We crave the safety of God's shelter

People: the cool comfort of the divine shadow, the security of the holy fortress.

Leader: God offers the care of angels

People: the gentleness of creation, the protection of love.

Leader: God is generous to all who call on the holy name.

All: so come, let us seek God's way of generosity.

Lenten Prayer of Confession:

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 seeking security. Lead us into your way of generosity.

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 6, 9:45 am First Sunday of Lent

Accompanist: Paige Hofer

Worship Leader: Kenny Birkey

Song Leader: Suzanne Koerner

Children's Time: Pastor Randall

Puppeteers: Cole Hofer & Jaden Thomas

Puppets: Louis & Penny

Special Music: arranged by Alvina Hofer

Message: Pastor Randall

Coffee Time: Les and Mary Rensink

Children's Sunday School following the service

Adult Sunday School following coffee time

NEXT SUNDAY March 13, 9:45 am Second Sunday of Lent

Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch

Worship Leader: Brandon Waltner

Song Leader: Amanda Mettler

Special Music: Steve and Charlene Friesen

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

Message: Pastor Randall

Coffee Time: Paul and Priscilla Hofer

Children's Sunday School following the service

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Today, we are singing *Take Thou My Hand*, the February Hymn of the month chosen by Darlene Hofer.

CALENDAR:

March 9: HMC Winter Bible Study on Zoom - 7 PM

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

The FA Auxiliary is planning an alternative to Schmeckfest with 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 ways to help out with the Country Kitchen fundraiser.

Cheese pocket work days will be March 8, 11, & 12

March 8, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., lunch provided; March 11, 2 p.m. till early evening; and March 12, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., bring a sack lunch. Come to the FA dining hall for a full day or a few hours. Enjoy time together visiting and learning the art of making cottage cheese pockets. Masks are optional.

The **2022 SD MCC Relief Sale** will be held **July 9** in Freeman on the Freeman Academy campus. We are excited to be planning a more traditional event with the noon meal, auction, booths, etc. More details about the relief sale and how you can be involved will be coming soon.

Swan Lake Feb. newsletter, is now available at the following link:

<https://myslcc.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Feb-newsletter-2022.pdf>

Spring Events at Freeman Academy

**Register online at [FreemanAcademy.org](https://freemanacademy.org).*

March 11, Friday: Science Steve – Live afternoon performances

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

April 8, Friday: Applications due for fall enrollment

MCC will be responding to the crisis in Ukraine through its local partners. Russian military forces have invaded the country with missiles striking major cities and casualties continuing to grow. Your prayers and donations will help partners scale up their work providing relief and trauma healing for vulnerable and displaced people. *"Ukraine is experiencing major upheaval, but our partners have supplies ready to help vulnerable and displaced people," says Rebecca Hessenauer, MCC representative for Ukraine*

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- O God, you see that we have no strength in ourselves. Keep us both outwardly and inwardly. Defend us from all adversities which hurt the body, and cleanse us from all evil thoughts which afflict the mind; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Mennonite Mission Network praises God for the safety of its personnel and partners in Burkina Faso during January's coup d'état. Pray for peace, both on the national level and in the increasing number of communities impacted by Islamist militant violence. May Mennonite churches witness to God's peace.
- Pray for the people of Ukraine in this difficult time.

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