

# SEEKING GOD'S WAYS

As we seek God's way, we move  
from an understanding of power  
that grasps for control over others

To an understanding that  
true power comes from working  
with and for others in love.





# **Hutterthal Mennonite Church**

Christ Centered – Living, Relating, Serving

**Sunday, April 10, 2022**

**Palm Sunday**

**9:45 a.m.**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship and Prayer**

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!* arr. John L. Bell

**\*Gathering and Praising**

*Jesus Is Coming* VT# 312

*To Leave the Stones Unthrown* VT# 580

**Scripture Reading**

Psalm 31 Pew Bible p.295

**Sharing Time and Prayer**

**Children's Time**

**Special Music** *Yezu Azali Awa (Jesus Christ is Present Here)*

Tr. Lois C. Neufeld, Esther C. Bergen, and Doreen Klassen

**Lenten Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance**

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 22-23 Pew Bible p.557

**Message**

"From Power Over to Power With"

**Offering Prayer**

**Responding and Sending**

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor* VT #315

*\*Gentle God, When We Are Driven* VT #150

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

**\*please stand if you are able**

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

[www.HMCFreeman.org](http://www.HMCFreeman.org)

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: Together we seek the way of God, a way so different  
from the ways of this world.

**People: We remind ourselves to loosen our grasp, to trust  
instead of control.**

Leader: We praise a God we cannot see and celebrate a  
salvation we do not understand.

**People: In worship we give of ourselves and we receive the  
disarming power of God.**

Leader: We cry:

*All: Blessed is the One who comes in the power of God's name.*

**Lenten Prayer of Confession:**

(adapted from Isaiah 55)

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 power over others and let us  
instead seek power with and for the most vulnerable.**

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

*All: and follow your way more faithfully.*

**Join MCC and Church World Service from 1:00-2:00 p.m. CT on Tuesday, April 12** to learn more about the **refugee resettlement** process in the U.S., challenges and opportunities refugees encounter when they settle into their new community, and the ways in which churches can get involved. Register here for this virtual learning event <https://bit.ly/3tPpTXh>

**The Freeman Academy Auxiliary** is truly amazed at the overwhelming support of the Schmeck Stop food sales the last two Saturdays. This event would not have taken place without the generous donations from our local bakers and the volunteers at work days. Preparing all the baked goods, sausage and meal items is no small task. We are so grateful to all of you for committing your time and energy to make food and assist with sales for the event. Thank you to all the shoppers who bought food and made additional monetary donations to Schmeckfest and Freeman Academy. As we explore the options for Schmeckfest 2023, we want to assure you that efforts to bring back a “traditional” event are in the works. -The Freeman Academy Auxiliary Executive, Overall Food, and Food Project committees

**The Freeman Academy** board of directors is pleased to announce Dr. Brad Anderson as our next Head of School. The board-appointed search committee undertook their work last December and reviewed several well-qualified applicants. Dr. Anderson emerged as the unanimous choice of the search committee. The board of directors discussed and concurred with the search committee's recommendation. The search committee and board were particularly impressed with Brad's commitment to Anabaptist Christian education, his passion and vision for the school, and his desire to nurture and further cultivate relationships between the school and the broader community. Dr. Anderson, no stranger to the community, previously served as Academic Dean and has been a member of Freeman Academy's teaching faculty for the past five years. He will assume Head of School duties on July 1, 2022.

**TODAY April 10, 9:45 am Palm Sunday**

**Accompanist:** Amy Hofer Vetch

**Worship Leader:** Charlene Friesen

**Song Leader:** Suzanne Koerner

**Children's Time:** Pastor Randall

Puppeteers: Cole Hofer & Jaden Thomas

Puppets: Lucia & Penny

**Scripture Reading:** Egan Mettler; Rylea Timmerman

**Special Music:** Sunday School Dept.

**Message:** Pastor Randall

**Coffee Time:** Larry and Edie Tschetter

**Children's Sunday School following the service**

**Adult Sunday School following coffee time**

**NEXT SUNDAY April 17, 9:45 am Easter Sunday**

**Accompanist:** Charlene Friesen

**Worship Leader:** Todd Koerner

**Song Leader:** Aprille Birkey

**Special Music:** Youth Group

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

**Message:** Pastor Randall

**Coffee Time:** Todd and Suzanne Koerner

**Children's Sunday School following the service**

**Adult Sunday School following coffee time**

**Congregational Ministries Project for April:** Cash for MCC Relief Sale expenses in preparing Kitchen Time Saver meals for the auction.

**Calendar**

April 10-13: 7 pm - Holy Week Services at Salem Mennonite Church

- After covering expenses, offering will go to Bethany Food Pantry

April 14: 7 pm - HMC Maundy Thursday Service

April 20: 4 pm - HMC Work Night

April 20: 8 pm - HMC Board meeting

May 27-30: MC USA Special Delegate Assembly In Kansas City

May 30 - June 3rd: 9:00 - 12:00 pm - VBS at Hutterthal

### **Prayer Requests and Praises:**

- Pray for Central Plains Mennonite Conference leaders and committees: for Nathan, Amanda, and Susan, our Central Plains Conference Ministers and for Ramiro Hernandez, our CPMC Hispanic Ministries Coordinator.
- Pray for denominational leaders and committees within MC-USA, especially for the upcoming delegate assembly in Kansas City over Memorial Day weekend. Pray for the Spirit's leading for those thinking about being a delegate from our congregation and for all of the other delegates planning on attending.
- Continue to pray for Marcella Glanzer as she recovers from surgery on her wrist. Pray for strength, perseverance, and endurance as she begins physical therapy soon. Pray for patience as healing comes at its own pace and she recovers more use of her right hand.
- Continue to pray for the war in Ukraine that a creative solution can be agreed to in bringing violence to an end.

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