



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered – Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday March 5, 2023

Second Sunday of Lent

9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship and Prayer

Welcoming One Another

*Gathering and Praising

For the Beauty of the Earth HWB #89

Breathe on Me, Breath of God HWB #356

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:21-40 Pew Bible p. 541

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Words of Confession and Assurance

Special Music

One Day at a Time

Scripture Reading

John 3:1-17 Pew Bible p. 561

Message

Shaped by New Birth

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Pew Bible p. 100

Dedication/Consecration of a Child

Renewal of Membership

Offering Prayer

*Responding and Sending

Wonder of Wonders HWB #622

My Life Flows On HWB #580

*Benediction

Postlude

*please stand if you are able

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

www.HMCFreeman.org

TODAY March 5, 2023 9:45 am *Second Sunday of Lent*

Worship Leader: Barbie Hofer

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Song Leader: Morgan Koehler

Special Music: The Living Stones Quartet arr. by Paul &
Priscilla Hofer

Children's Time: Jada Koerner

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Dedication/Consecration of a Child: Matt & Violetta Tschetter

Coffee Time: Les & Mary Rensink

Children's Sunday School following the service.

Adult Sunday School in the South Room and the fellowship hall following coffee time.

NEXT SUNDAY March 12, 2023 9:45 am *Third Sunday of Lent*

Worship Leader: Brandon Waltner

Accompanist: Paige Hofer

Song Leader: Aprille Birkey

Special Music: Kenny, Aprille & Jessica arr. by Sylvia Hofer

Children's Time: Jada Koerner

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: Paul & Priscilla Hofer

Children's Sunday School following the service.

Adult Sunday School in the South Room and the fellowship hall following coffee time.

Calendar:

TODAY: Dedication of Samuel Andre Tschetter Castro

Renewal of Matt Tschetter's membership in HMC

March 8: Winter Bible Study on Zoom at 7 PM

March 13: HMC Deacon Meeting at 7 PM

March 15: HMC Board Meeting at 7PM

March 24 & 25: Schmeckfest

April 2-5: Holy Week Services—Bethany Mennonite Church

April 6: Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7 PM in
HMC Fellowship Hall

April 9: Easter Sunday

Call to Worship:

Leader: Lift your eyes to the hills - where does your help come from?

People: Our help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

All: Let us worship our God, who watches over us now and always.

Confession and Assurance:

Leader: Lord, we need new birth, paralyzed by doubts, dead in our stubbornness and guilt walking in blindness, our hearts are hardened to your love. We confess to the Lord...

(silent prayer)

Leader: Jesus, you have come to put the world right, to give life to the dead, and to call into existence a people born from above.

All: Break in by your creating Spirit. Send forth your fresh wind. And open the way to real life, eternal life. Amen.

Benediction:

Leader: The Lord watch over you -

People: the Lord bless you and make you a blessing;

Leader: the sun will not harm you by day

People: nor the moon by night.

All: The Lord will bring you to life and carry you safely home.

HMC Congregational Ministry Project for March:

Hygiene Kits for MCC.

Place items in the receptacle in S.S. room #1.

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- Birthdays/Anniversaries: Donovan Friesen on March 6, Mildred Hofer on March 10, and Charlene Friesen on March 11.
- Participants from three Mennonite Mission Network Service Adventure units are in Newton, Kansas, for five days of fellowship, during which they will share the importance of service with potential participants. A similar event will be held in two weeks in Elkhart, Indiana. Pray that current and future participants will grow in their commitment to active faith through these events.
- Praise God for the persistent efforts of Mennonite pastors in Ukraine. They bring hope to people in hopeless situations, showing the love of Christ. Recently, church buildings in occupied areas have been taken over by Russian forces. Church activities, including outreach to children and senior citizens, have lost their home. Pray that the Spirit of God would continue to strengthen Ukrainian brothers and sisters with hope in this time of suffering.

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On this **Second Sunday of Lent**, our worship visuals feature an **orange** ribbon, representing how we are shaped by New Birth. Is your life at a dead end? God's promise to Abraham, Jesus' promise to Nicodemus, and the Spirit's promise to you is the same: whoever believes in the Son will be born anew into eternal life - that is, the life for which you were created, the truly human life.

Please join us April 2-5 for our **Holy Week Services** at Bethany Mennonite Church. The speaker this year is Dr. David Hatch, a retired professor of Historical Theology from Sioux Falls Seminary. Come and join your Mennonite brothers and sisters from our local congregations as we gather together for these annual services.

This Wednesday, March 8, at 7 PM is our final session of our annual **Winter Bible Study** meetings on Zoom. "Making Home Again" is our theme, and we will be studying the entire book of Ezra over our time together, which will include discussion questions, brief background comments, and our normal time of sharing and prayer to begin each evening. Each session will be independent of the others, so you can join in on whichever evenings work best for you.

The information for you to join via zoom is below:

Meeting ID: 846 3851 0761

Passcode: 868144

Phone call to join: 1-312-626-6799

Swan Lake Christian Camp will be hosting its annual meeting on March 5, 2023 at 4:00. The meeting will be held at the camp in the dining hall. All are invited to attend. Norman Hofer will be sharing some history of the camp. A supper will be served following the meeting. Please RSVP to Judi at campoffice@myslcc.com or 605-326-5690

Brief Reflections on Worship for you:

What words or themes or ideas have stuck with you from our scripture readings this morning?

In what ways or parts of your life is Jesus calling you today to be reborn, to start again like he does with Nicodemus?

Draw a picture or image of what you are holding onto or noticing as most important from worship this morning? What are you noticing that you need to let go of or release?