



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered – Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

9:45 a.m.

Prelude

*Gathering Hymn

Jesus is Coming VT #312 (vs. 3-4)

Call to Worship and Prayer

Welcoming One Another

*Hymn of Praise

With Astonishment, Fear, and Wonder VT #579 (vs. 1)

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:5-11 Pew Bible p. 620

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Words of Confession and Assurance

Special Music

All Creatures of Our God and King

arr. Don Marsh

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:1-11 Pew Bible p. 521

Message

Called to Worship

Offering Prayer

*Responding and Sending

What Wondrous Love is This? VT #564

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song VT #581 (vs. 1, 3-4)

*Benediction

Postlude

*please stand if you are able

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

www.HMCFreeman.org

TODAY April 2, 2023 9:45 am *Palm Sunday*

Worship Leader: Lyndon Hofer

Accompanist: Paige Hofer

Song Leader: Morgan Koehler

Children's Time: Jada Koerner

Special Music: Children's Sunday School Department

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: Brandon & Kylea Waltner

Children's Sunday School following the service.

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

NEXT SUNDAY April 9, 2023 9:45 am *Easter Sunday*

Worship Leader: Amanda Mettler

Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch

Song Leader: Aprille Birkey

Children's Time: Jada Koerner

Special Music: Mixed Ensemble

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: Larry & Edie Tschetter

Children's Sunday School following the service.

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

Calendar:

Today: Baby Shower for Samuel Tschetter Castro at 2 PM

April 2-5: Holy Week—7 PM at Bethany Mennonite Church

Tonight: Bethany leading

April 3: North Church and House Church leading

April 4: Hutterthal leading

April 5: South Church leading

April 6: Maundy Thursday Communion Service—7 PM

April 9: Easter Sunday

HMC Congregational Ministry Project for April:

SD MCC Relief Sale Kitchen Time Savers Expenses

Please give all donations to Edie Tschetter or Sherry Friesen

Call to Worship:

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Let us rejoice in all our Lord has done,

All: for it is marvelous in our eyes. Hosanna!

We bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Words of Confession and Assurance:

Leader: Lord, we are isolated and alone;

our failures are visible for all to see.

Our days pour out like sand,

our years fade and are gone.

We are afraid to hope.

We confess to the Lord...

(silent prayer)

Leader: Lord, we trust in you.

Redeem us now, we pray.

All: We place our hope in you. Amen.

Benediction:

Leader: Love God, you who are God's holy people,

All: for God's love endures forever.

Leader: Praise God, and give thanks,

All: for God's love endures forever.

Leader: Expect God, and welcome God's grace,

All: for God's love endures forever.

With a **purple** ribbon we stand with the crowds this Palm Sunday and join them in asking the all important question: Who is this? Ask this question in faith, believing, for this is truly the foundational question.

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- Birthdays/Anniversaries: Edie Tschetter on April 8.
- Continue to pray for Paul Hofer and his family.
- Pray for the faculty, staff and students at Freeman Academy and Hillcrest Academy.
- With only a month left to apply for Mennonite Mission Network's Youth Venture programs, pray for the young people in your community who might deepen their faith through participating in an encounter with Christians in Benin, West Africa; a trip to the Mexico-United States border; or a learning tour that brings insight into the realities of the struggle for civil rights.
- Pray for the local ministers of Freeman and the surrounding small towns. Pray for congregants and congregational leaders for steadfast presence and hope in each day.
- Pray for the unity of the church universal, even in the midst of our present time of great fragmentation and separation.

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We continue on the **Lenten Journey**, 40 days of re-focusing and going without in order to create space for God. Our Lenten theme is "Created in the Image of God, Shaped by Jesus." Lent is a season to repent of (or turn from) all that would distort and reduce our humanity. It is a season of fasting where we choose to abstain from whatever may be holding our lives too tightly in its grip. We open space in our lives for God to work. Our Creator will recreate us as the Spirit breathes life into us, a life that bursts forth from deep within.

We are planning a **baby shower for Samuel Tschetter-Castro TODAY** at 2 pm. Matt and Violeta have indicated that, because they have already experienced generosity in the gifts that they have received, Samuel is not in need of anything. They suggest that, if you wish to give something to honor his birth, you would give a cash donation for the purchase of MCC newborn kits. There will be a basket or a gift box at the shower for your donation. This shower will be an opportunity to share with the Hutterthal family the joy of his arrival as well as help other families who do not have what they need for their babies. We hope you will come and enjoy this happy occasion. If any questions please contact Kathy Pullman.

This Thursday evening at 7 PM, we will be sharing communion together around tables in the fellowship hall for our annual **Maundy Thursday service**. As we remember the evening of Jesus's final supper before his journey to the cross, we will welcome and pray for each other around the table, learn more about what the passover meal would have looked like for Jesus and his disciples in the children's story, and share the bread and cup with our HMC brothers and sisters. All are welcome.

The **SD MCC Relief Sale** is seeking a treasurer. If you would be interested, please contact Barb Yoder for details about the job.

Please join us April 2-5 for our **Holy Week Services** at Bethany Mennonite Church. The message series for this year is *Be Angry*, which is about discipleship and drawing nearer to God. The speaker for this year is Dr. Nathan Hitchcock, owner of Sevensided Consulting, where he works with seminaries, denominations, and mission agencies to implement competency-based theological education. In a day when many educational organizations are struggling just to hang on, Dr. Hitchcock is helping them to thrive. Previously, he taught church history and theology at Sioux Falls Seminary. He received his PhD from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. Dr. Hitchcock lives in Brandon, SD with his wife, two children, and an array of snoring Boston terriers. Come and join your Mennonite brothers and sisters from our local congregations as we gather together for these annual services.

The March edition of **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Executive Director Kevin King shares his experiences of working on an MDS project in Dulac, Louisiana; a home dedication in Kentucky provides visible reminders that God cares: and MDS Canada returns to Cape Breton to repair damage from Hurricane Fiona. <https://conta.cc/3JazUG0>

The **Bridgewater Community Cantata** will be presenting *God So Loved the World* in Bridgewater and Emery during this year's Easter season. The cantata features well-known old and contemporary hymns and presents the simple truth of the Easter message of Jesus's sacrifice and resurrection. The performances will be at the Diamond Care Center in Bridgewater (Sunday, Mar. 26 at 2:30 pm), the Zion Bible Church in Bridgewater (Sun. Apr. 2 at 7:30 pm), and the First Baptist Church in Emery (Fri. Apr. 7 at 7:30 pm). Please join the chorus and communities in celebrating the marvelous message of the Easter season!