



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, March 24, 2024

9:45 a.m.

Palm Sunday

Prelude

Choral Call to Worship

O Sing to the Lord

Call to Worship and Prayer

*Welcoming One Another

Scripture Reading

Psalm 118 Pew Bible p. 325

*Gathering and Praising

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna VT #313
All Glory, Laud, and Honor VT #315

Sharing Time and Prayer

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:1-11 Pew Bible p. 620

Children's Time

Worship Music

"Yesu Azali Awa"

Prayer of Confession

Scripture Reading

Mark 11:1-11 Pew Bible p. 535

John 12:12-19 Pew Bible p. 568

Message

Christ Among Us: the Way of a Servant

Offering Prayer

*Responding and Sending

Jesus Shall Reign VT #414

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me VT #429

*Benediction

Postlude

***please stand if you are able**

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

www.HMCFreeman.org

TODAY March 24, 2024 9:45 a.m. Palm Sunday

Worship Leader: Matthew Tschetter

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Song Leader: Amy Hofer Vetch

Children's Time: Matthew Tschetter

Worship Music: Sunday School Children's Choir

Mes: Christ Among Us: The Way of a Servant - Pastor Randall

Coffee Time: Donovan & Sherryl Friesen

Children's Sunday School following the worship service. Adult Sunday School following coffee time in the Education Wing.

NEXT SUNDAY March 31, 2024 9:45 a.m. Easter Sunday

Worship Leader: Amanda Mettler

Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch

Song Leader: Morgan Koehler

Children's Time: Matthew Tschetter

Worship Music: Hymn Sing

Message: Christ Among Us - Pastor Randall Koehler

Scripture: Isaiah 25:6-9; John 20:1-18

Coffee Time: John & Monica Clem

No Sunday School for children or young adult class. The Intergenerational class will still meet in the education wing following coffee time.

Calendar:

March 24: Community Holy Week Services at HMC at 7 PM

March 25: Community Holy Week Services at HMC at 7 PM

March 26: Community Holy Week Services at HMC at 7 PM

March 27: Community Holy Week Services at HMC at 7 PM

March 28: HMC Annual Maundy Thursday Service at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall

July 20: SD MCC Relief Sale in Freeman

HMC Congregational Ministry Project for March:

MCC Hygiene Kits: Assemble your own kit **OR** Barbie is willing to purchase and assemble. Contact her directly, and pay her \$10 per kit. Kit contents are listed on your 2024 project list.

Call to Worship:

All: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

One: Christ among us, humble and riding on a donkey.

Many: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

One: Christ among us, God's light shining on us!

Many: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

One: Christ among us, showing the way of a servant.

Prayer of Confession:

One: When we get caught up in embracing the world's power,

Many: forgive us.

One: When we lose sight of the humble donkey and put our trust in horses of war,

Many: remind us of this Palm Sunday.

One: When we begin to get sucked into the darkness of the "now,"

Many: bring us once again the peace of looking toward the "not yet."

Palm branches and cotton have been added to our **Lenten Visual** this Sunday. The **palm branches** symbolize victory, triumph, peace, and eternal life. As Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds gathered, waving palm branches and throwing down their cloaks. The people were expecting a mighty king to defeat the Romans. Instead, Jesus came humbly, riding on a donkey and showing us the way of a servant, the Lamb who was slain. The **white cotton** represents the Lamb of God who was crucified for us.

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- **Birthdays:** Isabel Waltner and Bonita Hofer on March 24 (today), Jaden Thomas on March 26, and Vernon J. Hofer on March 27. **Anniversary:** Delmer & Shirley Hofer on March 25
- Praise God with Amy and Larry as they finished radiation treatments in these last couple of weeks.
- Pray for Michele Hershberger as she travels to Freeman today in preparation for Holy Week services. Pray for special music groups and other individuals, who will be involved in the services especially as weather looms.
- Pray for Central Plains congregations that are in the midst of pastoral searches. Pray for search committees and for candidates looking for churches, that God may guide the search process according to God's will.
- Praise God for the 75 years of healing ministry by dedicated personnel at Mennonite Christian Hospital in Hualien, Taiwan, the largest Mennonite hospital in the world. Join Mennonite Mission Network in praying for Dr. Jacob Chang and the hospital staff as the services they offer grow to meet the needs of the populations they serve; the elderly, mothers and children and those with special needs.

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Join us at Hutterthal Mennonite Church for **annual Holy Week services** on March 24, 25, 26, and 27. Each year, local Mennonite churches in and around Freeman join together to worship as one community during this sacred time just before Easter Sunday. Each service will begin at 7 PM and will include familiar hymns, musical performances from our church members, a children's story for the young ones among us, and challenging and inspiring sermons from our guest speaker. Everyone is welcome.

This year's guest speaker is Michele Hershberger, professor of Bible and Ministry at Hesston College. She has joyously served the church as a professor, author, pastor, conference youth minister, and speaker. This spring, she will finish her 24th year at Hesston College, where she teaches Bible and serves as one of the campus pastors. She has authored four books, including *Why Did Jesus Die* and *What Difference Does it Make?* and the official baptismal preparation book for Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada, *God's Story, Our Story*. Michele is married to Del Hershberger, and they have three grown children.

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall, Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 pm for a **Journey: Seder Supper to the Lord's Supper**. This interactive service will include an explanation and participation of the Seder meal, or the ceremonial meal to the start of Passover. Each table will sample food items such as lamb, matzo (unleavened bread), herbs and charoset (a sweet mixture made from fruits, nuts and spices). After the Seder meal, we will share the Lord's Supper together. The deacons and Pastor Randall look forward to a meaningful evening as we prepare for Good Friday and Resurrection morning.

Mark your calendars for the **SD MCC Relief Sale** to be held on Saturday, July 20, 2024 in Freeman, SD.

Rural Revival will meet April 1 at 8:00 p.m. at the Freeman library. All are welcome to attend.

The **Sermon on the Mount Mennonite Church of Sioux Falls** is organizing a visit to our South Dakota Congressmen's offices in Sioux Falls on Wednesday, March 27.

Mennonite Action, a national organization, is asking Mennonites to visit their local congressional offices during the week of March 25-27. The theme of the visit is "**Send Aid, Not Bombs**". The U.S. has been supplying Israel with weapons since October 7, 2023 in its war against Hamas in the Gaza Strip. Over 30,000 Palestinians have been killed and much of the Gaza infrastructure destroyed. Presently, Palestinians are being starved to death. Non government organizations have not been allowed by the Israeli government to bring them adequate amounts of food.

We invite Mennonites to join us in Sioux Falls to deliver symbolic MCC health kits to the office staff, asking them to give these kits to their congressperson and calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. Plus, to spend U.S. tax dollars on non lethal aid, such as food, shelter, clothing and medical/health supplies.

We will be gathering at the Downtown Public Library, 200 N. Dakota Ave. at 10:30 A.M. on Wednesday March 27. Parking is available in the library parking lot. From there we will be walking a couple blocks to Senator Mike Rounds office at 320 N. Main Ave. Next we will be walking to Congressman Dusty Johnson's office, about 5 blocks, at Suite 307, 230 S. Phillips Ave. Next we will go back to our vehicles and drive to Senator John Thunes office at 5015 South Bur Oak Place. This is off 57th. St. between Western and Louise Avenues.

You are welcome to make or bring signs and wear Mennonite caps or sweatshirts sporting logos of MCC, MDS and Mennonite Church. We will be singing as we gather at each office. We ask you to join us in this public witness to stop the war in Gaza.

Please call Beth Yoder at 937-844-9175 for additional information.