



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, March 31, 2024

9:45 a.m.

Easter Sunday

Prelude

Call to Worship and Prayer

*Welcoming One Another

*Gathering and Praising

Low in the Grave He Lay HWB #273

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9 Pew Bible p. 370

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Worship Music

Hymn Sing

Prayer of Rejoicing

Scripture Reading

John 20:1-18 Pew Bible p. 574

Message

Christ Among Us

Offering Prayer

*Responding and Sending

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today VT #346

*Benediction

Postlude

*please stand if you are able

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

www.HMCFreeman.org

TODAY 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

Coffee Time: John and Monica Clem

Please join us for coffee time after the worship service.

No Sunday School

NEXT SUNDAY April 7, 2024 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader: Brandon Waltner

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Song Leader: Aprille Birkey

Children's Time: Charlene Friesen

Worship Music: Mixed Ensemble

Message: Christ Among Us - Pastor Randall Koehler

Scripture: Acts 1:1-14; Mark 6:7-13

Coffee Time: Brandon & Kylea Waltner

Children's Sunday School following the worship service. Adult

Sunday School following coffee time in the Education Wing.

Calendar:

April 7: Congregation-Pastor Evaluation Report and potluck meal after Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall

April 7: Increasing Understanding of the Conflict in the Middle East at the Freeman Community Center from 2—4 PM

May 5: Annual Freeman Ministerial Baccalaureate service at 4 PM at the Freeman Community Center

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:

One: When it is still dark, we come seeking Jesus.

Many: The risen Christ is here among us!

One: The stone has been rolled away, walls torn down.

Many: The risen Christ is here among us!

One: The burial cloth removed, his body transformed.

Many: The risen Christ is here among us!

One: Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter, and John see and believe.

All: We find the risen Christ among us who has made all things new! The tomb is empty, the way of Love has prevailed!

One: Peace be with you!

Many: Peace be with you!

Prayer of Confession:

One: Risen Jesus, you make all things new.

Many: You call us by name to come to you.

One: You come preaching peace and forgiving sins.

Many: You prepare a feast for us and wipe away all tears.

All: You bring life everlasting. We rejoice in your salvation, Lord of all!

A **stone and folded linens** have been added to our visual today. The tomb is empty and the linens are folded and the stone rolled away as we celebrate the good news of the resurrection that Jesus is risen! Our hope is in the risen Christ. Jesus came to make all things new. In Christ, we are a new creation. Let us allow the good news of the resurrection to take possession of our lives and transform us so all people can be free.

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- He is Risen indeed! Hallelujah! May our Easter Celebrations be filled with the joy of the Risen Lord!
- Pray for Ardella Gross as she plans to have a medical procedure in a few weeks. Doctors plan to fill the area around a compressed vertebrae in her back with cement to help stabilize it and relieve some of her pain; pray for safe travel & transition as she moves from her home in Freeman to an apartment in Sioux Falls in the near future.
- Praise God for this past week's Holy Week services hosted at our church; for the time and message that were shared by Michele Hershberger and the local Mennonite Churches of Freeman. Praise God for the ways that seeds of transformation were planted in peoples' hearts and lives and for the Holy Spirit's nourishing presence as those seeds grow in the time ahead.
- On this Easter Sunday, join Mennonite Mission Network in praying for peace and abundant life in Israel and Palestine, the land where Jesus lived, embodied his teachings, was murdered, and rose victorious from the dead.
- Pray for the work of Peaceful Options for Training and Careers, an independent initiative formed by MC USA and Mennonite Central Committee. It has begun training volunteer counselors to help young adults find non-military career, service and training opportunities.

Pastor Randall's contact information:

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Congregation-Pastor Evaluation Potluck. On April 7 you are invited to attend a potluck after the worship service and Sunday School to celebrate in our relationship as a body of believers. After the meal, we will take some time to go over the results of our recent evaluation. We invite you to bring whatever main dish, salad, or dessert you would like to share. The review team wishes to thank all who participated in the evaluation and rejoices in the affirming and honest feedback that was given. We hope you are all able to attend.

If you have not had the chance to join a Sunday School class yet this year, you can come to the Intergenerational Class on the south end of the education wing on April 7. Pastor Randall will begin a **Sunday School series about Baptism and Scripture**, which will continue throughout April, into May, and possibly into June. We will explore together some of the stories about water, washing, immersing, and baptizing in the scriptures while also hearing from people in the class about how they think about their baptism today. All are welcome to join in the conversation. We will explore how Genesis 6-9 informs the way that we think theologically about baptism.

Increasing our Understanding of the Conflict in the Middle East: On Sunday April 7, in the Freeman Community Center, three speakers will give a presentation that outlines the religious significance of the Holy Land from the perspective of Islam, Judaism, and Christianity. The session will go from 2-4pm. Each speaker will offer a 20 min. presentation and then 10 min. of questions after. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to learn from these speakers.

The **March edition of On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Kevin King explores where we would see Jesus in disaster responses, get the latest on the damage left by the Midwest tornadoes, and learn how a remote electrician is adding a spark to an MDS project. Plus, check out the volunteer opportunities for this summer and fall. <https://conta.cc/4adqsxS>

The **April 2024 edition of the Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Vine** is now available. It can be found at <https://www.mennonitemission.net/resources/prayer-resources>. Physical copies are on the table in the upper foyer as well. If you would like to receive one each month, let Aprille know and she will make sure to get you either a physical copy or the digital copy each month.

Spring has finally sprung! As you dive into spring cleaning, please consider donating your high-quality items to **Et Cetera Shoppe**. We have an extremely important mission right here in our own community: providing affordable clothing and home items for low-income and fixed-income community members. Many of our customers depend on Et Cetera Shoppe to furnish their homes and closets. We accept donations of clean, folded clothing, working household items, and good condition furniture pieces on Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. A thrift store can only be as good as the donations it receives, so help us to be the best we can!

MCC invites you to take the challenge: A month of climate actions for peace! Sign up to get your free calendar with a different climate action you can take each day in April. From learning to praying to advocating, this month of activities will help you take action to address climate change. Join the challenge as an individual, family, church or small group. Sign up today for A Month of Climate Actions for Peace at [mcc.org/month-climate-action-peace!](https://mcc.org/month-climate-action-peace)

MCC's Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) home repair program is seeking summer staff in Kimball, West Virginia or Elkhorn City, Kentucky. These three-month positions for Job Site Coordinators and Meals Coordinators will allow you to explore new cultures, develop skills, build friendships and live out your faith. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but the roles are not limited to young adults. An hourly wage plus room and board are provided. For more information and to apply, visit mcc.org/swap-summer-meals or mcc.org/swap-summer-job-site. Or contact the MCC Appalachia SWAP office at (606) 634-4418 or AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org.

If you did not have the chance to join us for 2024 Community Mennonite **Holy Week Services** this past week, you can watch or listen to the services at our church website: <https://www.hmcfreeman.org/sermons/>

