



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, March 23, 2025

9:45 a.m.

Third Sunday of Lent

Prelude

10,000 Reasons VT #111

Call to Worship & Prayer

*Welcoming One Another

*Gathering and Praising

Gott Ist Gegenwartig (God Is Here Among Us) VT #62

Could It Be That God is Singing VT #42

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Confession and Words of Assurance

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:1-32 Pew Bible p. 552

Message

Christ Collides with our Priorities

Offering Prayer

*Responding and Sending

What Is the World Like VT #298

Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God VT #653

*Benediction

Postlude

*please stand if you are able

View today's service here:

www.HMCFreeman.org

TODAY March 23, 2025 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader: Barbie Hofer

Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch

Song Leader: Pastor Randall Koehler

Children's Time: Matthew Tschetter

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: Donovan & Sherryl Friesen

Children & Adult Sunday School after coffee time in the Education Wing.

NEXT SUNDAY March 30, 2025 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader: Joline Thomas

Accompanist: Paige Hofer

Song Leader: Suzanne Koerner

Children's Time: Barbie Hofer

Worship Music: Ben Friesen

Scripture: Luke 16:19-33

Message: Christ Collides with our Selfishness

- Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: John & Monica Clem

Children & Adult Sunday School after coffee time in the Education Wing.

Calendar:

March 24: Rural Revival at 8 PM at the Freeman Library

March 30: Lent Study Series at South Church at 4:30 PM

April 4-5: Schmeckfest activities: attend, volunteer, donate food

April 9: Deacon/Pastor Team meeting at 7 PM

April 13-16: Holy Week Services at 7 PM at the North Church (Salem-Zion Mennonite Church)

April 17: Maundy Thursday Service at HMC - 7 PM

April 23: HMC Board Meeting—7:30 PM at church

Call to Worship

One: As we worship, Christ collides with our priorities.

Many: We gather and pause from the important busyness of our lives.

One: Jesus reveals the depth of God's purposes.

Many: Help us come to our senses by your Spirit.

All: For your reign, O God, help us celebrate being found as we worship you.

Confession and Words of Assurance

All: Loving and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you.

One: We have not loved you with all our thoughts, words, and actions.

Many: We have sinned through what we have chosen to do and what we have chosen to neglect.

One: We have not fully accepted your love for us. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Many: We prioritize the wrong things and the wrong people.

All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God. Please help us open our hearts to your love. Help us bring our priorities in line with yours so we may better share your peace in your world, rejoicing in your name. Amen.

Moment of Quiet Reflection

One: Now hear these words of assurance: God tells us that we are created in God's image. God created us for relationship with God and each other. In this, we know that God will never break our relationship. God's steadfast love endures forever.

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- **Birthdays:** Isabel Waltner and Bonita Hofer on March 24; Jaden Thomas on March 26; and Vernon J. Hofer on March 27.
- **Anniversary:** Delmer & Shirley Hofer on March 25
- We give thanks for the first official days of spring. We pray for farmers and gardeners and others in our congregations and communities who are eagerly awaiting the signs that spring is really here. We pray for safety in the coming planting season.
- Lane Miller, one of Mennonite Mission Network's regional directors for Africa and Europe, is in Europe this month to improve his French language skills. Pray for him as he also visits partner institution LCC International University and Robin Gingerich, who has served with Mission Network at LCC in Lithuania since 2001.
- **Additional Requests:** _____

HMC Congregational Ministry Project for March:

MCC Hygiene Kits

Make your own or contact Barbie Hofer, who is willing to make them for you. Place completed kits in the bin in Sunday School room 1.

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