



# Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, March 9, 2025

9:45 a.m.

First Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Call to Worship & Prayer

\*Welcoming One Another

\*Gathering and Praising

*Je louerai l'Éternel (Praise, I Will Praise) VT #131*

*Love the Lord Your God VT #288*

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Confession and Words of Assurance

Worship Music

40 by U2

Scripture Reading

Luke 10:25-42 Pew Bible p. 548

Message

Christ Collides with our Bias

Offering Prayer

\*Responding and Sending

*O God, Our Refuge VT #434*

*Christ Has No Body Here but Ours VT #568*

\*Benediction

Postlude

\*please stand if you are able

View today's service here:

[www.HMCFreeman.org](http://www.HMCFreeman.org)

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

**Worship Leader:** Jaden Thomas

**Accompanist:** Paige Hofer

**Song Leader:** Aprille Birkey

**Children's Time:** Brigitta Hofer and Monica Clem

**Worship Music:** John and Monica Clem

**Message:** Pastor Randall Koehler

**Coffee Time:** Les & Mary Rensink

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

**NEXT SUNDAY** March 16, 2025 9:45 a.m.

**Worship Leader:** Cole Hofer

**Accompanist:** Amy Hofer Vetch

**Song Leader:** Morgan Koehler

**Children's Time:** Joline Thomas

**Worship Music:** Ladies Ensemble

**Scripture:** Luke 13:1-35

**Message:** "Christ Collides with our Condemnation"  
- Pastor Randall Koehler

**Coffee Time:** Priscilla Hofer

**Children's Sunday School** after the worship service.

**Adult SS** following coffee time in the Education Wing.

**Calendar:**

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

## Call to Worship

One: Christ collides with our bias. Who will follow Christ?

**Many: We will follow for sure, but we will tell you where to bring down your fire.**

One: Jesus says, "Follow me."

**Many: We will follow when our calculations are finished.**

One: Christ collides with our leanings.

**Many: For your reign, O God, help us put a hand on your plow and not look back.**

*All: Guide us 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 cling to our assumptions and insist that our point of view is the correct one.**

*All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God. Please help us open our hearts to your love. Help us shake free from our biases and assumptions so we may better share your peace in your world, rejoicing in your name. Amen.*

## *Moment of Reflection*

Leader: 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:** Mildred Hofer on March 10; Charlene Friesen on March 11; Rina Hofer on March 12; Todd Koerner on March 13; Violeta Castro Lopez on March 15
- Pray for our sister churches in Minnesota: Bethel, Emmanuel, Faith, First-Mountain Lake, Lao Fellowship, Rochester, Saint Paul Hmong Mennonite, Third Way and affiliated group Fargo-Moorhead Faith Mennonite Fellowship in Minnesota.
- Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Ecuador partnership meetings that are being held in Quito this week. Linda Shelly, regional director for Latin America, and Andrew Suderman, director of global partnerships, have joined representatives of the Colombia Mennonite Church and Central Plains Mennonite Conference in meeting with Ecuadorian partners to discern how to best carry out God's vision in their communities.

### **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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