



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, April 13, 2025

9:45 a.m.

Palm Sunday

Prelude

Call to Worship & Prayer

***Welcoming One Another**

***Gathering and Praising**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna VT #313

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty VT #316

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Confession and Words of Assurance

Scripture Reading Luke 19:29-44 Pew Bible p. 555

Message Christ Collides with our Expectations

Offering Prayer

***Responding and Sending**

From North and South, from East and West VT #460

All Glory, Laud, and Honor VT #315

***Benediction**

Postlude

***please stand if you are able**

View today's service here: www.HMCFreeman.org

TODAY: Palm Sunday April 13, 2025 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader: Brigitta Hofer

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Song Leader: Morgan Koehler

Children's Time: Les Rensink

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: John & Monica Clem

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

NEXT SUNDAY: Easter April 20, 2025 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader: John Clem

Accompanist: Paige Hofer

Song Leader: Aprille Birkey

Children's Time: Charlene Friesen

Worship Music: Mixed Ensemble

Scripture: Luke 24:1-12

Message: Christ Collides with Death

- Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: Todd & Suzanne Koerner

No Sunday School for children or adults today.

Calendar:

April 13-16: Holy Week Services - 7 PM—North Church
HMC Worship Leading on April 16

April 17: Maundy Thursday Service at HMC - 7 PM
Benevolent Fund Offering

April 20: Easter Sunday Service at HMC - 9:45 AM

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

May 14: Baccalaureate Service at Freeman Community
Center - 7 PM

Call to Worship

One: As we worship this Palm Sunday, Christ collides with our expectations.

Many: Have we not collided enough?

One: In deep compassion, our Lord sets out a mission of full life.

Many: Form us fully, Jesus.

One: "Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

Many: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens."

All: Our Lord, it is time for you to work in and with 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 expectations, and we do not make space for you to challenge them.

All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God. Please help us open our hearts to your love. Help us let go of our narrow expectations so we may better share your peace in your world, rejoicing in your name. Amen.

Moments of Quiet 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.

The Deacons and Pastor Randall invite you to our **annual Maundy Thursday service** on April 17 at 7 PM in the fellowship hall. We will be sharing in music, scripture, foot washing, and communion during our time together. Foot washing is new to our congregation, but it is a traditional practice, rooted in Anabaptist Mennonite communities since the radical reformation. Pastor Randall and the deacons encourage you to participate in this practice for the first time, but participation is still optional for all who attend. If you have any questions or concerns about participating in foot washing on Maundy Thursday, please reach out to Pastor Randall or a deacon (Lyndon, Amy, Suzanne).

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- **Birthdays:** Isaac Mettler and Larry Timmerman on April 18; Cameron Hofer on April 19
- 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.
- **Additional Requests:** _____

HMC Congregational Ministry Project for April:
Cash for the SD MCC Relief Sale Kitchen Time Saver and Sauerkraut Booth Expenses

Please give donations to Joyce Hofer (treasurer) or place in the C.M. Mailbox

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