



# Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, April 6, 2025

9:45 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Call to Worship & Prayer

\*Welcoming One Another

\*Gathering and Praising

*Come Away from Rush and Hurry* VT #9

*Mountain of God* VT #11

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Confession and Words of Assurance

Worship Music *This Is Your God* by Graham Kendrick

*Majesty* by Jack Hayford

Scripture Reading Luke 18:31-19:10 Pew Bible p. 554

Message Christ Collides with our Blinders

Offering Prayer

\*Responding and Sending

*Open My Eyes* VT #732

*Will You Come and Follow Me* VT #540

\*Benediction

Postlude *Je te laisserai des mots* by Patrick Watson

\*please stand if you are able

View today's service here: [www.HMCFreeman.org](http://www.HMCFreeman.org)

**TODAY                      April 6, 2025                      9:45 a.m.**

**Worship Leader:** Todd Koerner

**Accompanist:** Amy Hofer Vetch; Pastor Randall Koehler

**Postlude:** Jillian Schnabel

**Song Leader:** Amanda Mettler

**Children's Time:** Amanda Mettler

**Worship Music:** Henry, Callum, and Elias Friesen arr.  
by Steve & Charlene Friesen

**Message:** Pastor Randall Koehler

**Coffee Time:** Brandon & Kylea Waltner

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

**NEXT SUNDAY                      April 13, 2025                      9:45 a.m.**

**Worship Leader:** Brigitta Hofer

**Accompanist:** Charlene Friesen

**Song Leader:** Morgan Koehler

**Children's Time:** Les Rensink

**Worship Music:** Ardella Gross

**Scripture:** Luke 19:29-44

**Message:** Christ Collides with our Expectations  
- Pastor Randall Koehler

**Coffee Time:** John & Monica Clem

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

**Calendar:**

April 9: Deacon/Pastor Team meeting at 7 PM

Freeman Network of Justice and Peace meeting at  
11:30 AM at Freeman Public Library

April 13-16: Holy Week Services - 7 PM—North 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 blinders.

**Many: We want to know you and follow you, O Christ.**

One: Will you cry to God? Will you climb a tree?

**Many: We will journey, scanning the horizon for signs of the kingdom. So much is hidden, and at times we do not grasp what God is saying.**

One: Jesus, show us mercy.

**Many: Seek and save us.**

*All: Jesus, show us mercy.*

## 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 walk through our days with blinders on, unable to see or understand clearly.**

*All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God. Please help us open our hearts to your love. Help us walk with open eyes and hearts so we may better share your peace and rejoice in your world. Amen.*

## *Moment 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:** Edie Tschetter on April 8
- **Anniversary:** Randall & Morgan Koehler on April 12.
- 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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