



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, March 22, 2026

9:45 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Prelude *The Sultan's Caravan* by Jane Smisor Bastien
Scherzetto by Claudette Hudelson

Call to Worship and Prayer

Worship Music

*Welcoming One Another

*Gathering and Praising

Let There Be Light VT #714

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded VT #325

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Poem of Confession

Song of Confession *Lamb of.../Cordero de...* VT #151

Scripture Reading John 19:1-16a Pew Bible p. 573

Message Complicity and Innocence

Offering Prayer

*Responding and Sending

My God, My God VT #696

Kyrie eleison, Have Mercy VT #796

*Benediction

Postlude

*please stand if you are able

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

NEXT SUNDAY: March 22, 2026 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader: Lyndon Hofer

Prelude: Brynlee and Alyssa Hofer

Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch

Song Leader: Amanda Mettler

Children's Time: Suzanne Koerner

Worship Music: Maria Paff arr. by Matthew Tschetter &
Violeta Castro López

Poem of Confession: Alyssa Hofer

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: Joyce Hofer

After Coffee Time

- Children's SS in the Education Wing
- Intergenerational Adult SS: Sermon Discussion in the fellowship hall
- Exploring the Word Adult SS: Acts 11 study in the pastor's study

NEXT SUNDAY: March 29, 2026 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader: Matthew Tschetter

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Song Leader: Amy Hofer Vetch

Children's Time: Kenneth Birkey

Poem of Confession:

Scripture: John 19:16b-22; 12:12-27

Message: Palm or Passion Sunday

Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: Lyndon & Barbie Hofer

After Coffee Time

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- Intergenerational Adult SS: Sermon Discussion in the fellowship hall
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Calendar: *(please check the weekly bulletin email for more information and upcoming events)*

Mar. 26: Bethel College concert in collaboration with Freeman Academy students at Salem-Zion (North) Mennonite Church at 7 PM

Mar. 29: Communion during the worship service and Benevolent Fund offering

Mar. 29-Apr. 1: Annual Holy Week Services with Suzette Shreffler at the Freeman Community Center at 6:30 PM

April 2: Maundy Thursday Worship Service with communion and foot washing at 7 PM in the HMC Fellowship Hall

April 5: Easter Sunday Worship Service at 9:45 AM

April 9: Schmeckfest musical at 7:30 PM

April 10-11: Schmeckfest activities from 12 -7 PM and musical at 7:30 PM

Call to Worship

All: Welcome Lent—

One: terrible dissonance,
as we condemn the Human One.

All: Welcome lament and confession

One: as the story comes undone.

All: Welcome holy mystery

One: that even this can find a place
in the tale of God's salvation.

All: Welcome suffering love and grace.

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- **Birthdays:** Morgan Koehler on Mar. 22 (TODAY); Isabel Waltner and Bonita Hofer on Mar. 24; Jaden Thomas on Mar. 26; Vernon J. Hofer on Mar. 27
- **Anniversary:** Delmer & Shirley Hofer on Mar. 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.
- Colleen and Pablo Fast have been serving in Brazil for more than 30 years. Praise God that the Brazilian churches they serve with are experiencing a time of growth, with multiple families being sent out to plant more churches and the already-established churches increasing the number of services they offer.
- **Additional requests:** _____

HMC Congregational Ministry Project for March:
Cash for Mennonite Economic Development Associates
(MEDA)

Donations can be given to Joyce Hofer (treasurer) or placed in the CM mailbox.

Pastor Randall's contact information:

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Annual Holy Week services March 30-April 1 at Freeman Community Center

The House Church of Freeman invites its fellow Mennonite Churches in Freeman and the wider Freeman community to attend our annual Holy Week services at the Freeman Community Center from March 30 to April 1. Each evening will begin with a time of fellowship, cookies, & coffee at 6:00 pm, and each worship service will start at 6:30 pm. These services allow those gathered to fellowship and worship together with heartfelt singing, engagement with the scriptures, and inspired preaching. This year's preacher is Suzette Shreffler; the theme of her messages will be "God's suffering, Our suffering."

Suzette Shreffler is the first enrolled member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe in Montana to become an ordained pastor in the Anabaptist world. She and her husband, Scott, co-pastor the White River Cheyenne Mennonite Church. Suzette's Cheyenne name, Ámé'há'e, means Flying Woman. She is a wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who has experienced numerous traumatic events throughout her life, which she struggled to cope with for many years. The accompanying pain, shame, and emotional wounds have profoundly impacted her life.

At 19, she left the reservation, seeking a better life and desiring to escape the traumas she had endured. As she departed, she vowed to return only if she could help her Cheyenne people in some way. Having been raised on the reservation, she has a deep respect for the Cheyenne way of life and the protocols among her people, which enables her to connect with them where they are on their life journeys. In 2007, she embarked on a spiritual

journey with Christ, and as her relationship with Jesus deepened, she experienced profound healing in her heart. She desires to share this transformative experience with her family and fellow Cheyenne community members.

An offering will be collected each evening and will go directly to the White River Cheyenne Mennonite Church in Busby, MT. If you choose to write a check, please make it out to "White River Cheyenne Mennonite Church."

There will be an opportunity to contribute to the benevolent fund on Sunday, March 29, Palm Sunday. An offering basket will be in the upper foyer both before and after our communion. The benevolent fund is very confidential for any of our church family that might be in financial need. If you are, or know of anyone with a need, please visit with Pastor Randall or any of the deacons.

The Trustees have noted loose brick on the Education Wing on the corner by the Library and all along the top two feet of the wall on the west side of the education wing. Repair and tuck pointing are needed immediately to prevent further damage. The Church Board brings the following to the congregation:

"Motion to hire J&D Masonry of Alexandria to do partial tuck pointing and loose brick repair as needed on the west side of the north section of the Education Wing for a cost of approximately \$3,000.00."

A congregational vote will take place **TODAY**.

HMC Maundy Thursday Service April 2 at 7 PM

Our annual Maundy Thursday service will be at 7 PM on April 2 in the church fellowship hall downstairs. As we gather around tables, our time together will include music, responsive readings, scripture, foot washing, and communion. You are welcome to contact Pastor Randall or a deacon if you have any further questions or concerns about foot washing. We sincerely encourage you to participate.