



## Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, March 8, 2026

9:45 a.m.

Third Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Call to Worship and Prayer

\*Welcoming One Another

\*Gathering and Praising

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* VT #156

*Kwake Yesu nasimama (Here on Christ...)* VT #159

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Worship Music *Amazing Grace* by Amira Willighagen

Poem of Confession

Song of Confession

*God, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle* vs. 1 VT #152

Scripture Reading John 18:12-27 Pew Bible p. 572

Message Standing Up and Standing Back

Offering Prayer

\*Responding and Sending

*Seeking Warmth from Charcoal Blazing* VT #344

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee* VT #743

\*Benediction

Postlude

\*please stand if you are able

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

**TODAY:                      March 8, 2026                      9:45 a.m.**

**Worship Leader:** John Clem

**Prelude & Postlude:** Henry Friesen

**Accompanist:** Charlene Friesen

**Song Leader:** Morgan Koehler

**Children's Time:** Joline Thomas

**Worship Music:** Larry & Edie Tschetter

**Poem of Confession:** Jessica Scheetz

**Message:** Pastor Randall Koehler

**Coffee Time:** Chad & Rebecca 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 led by Brandon Waltner

**NEXT SUNDAY:                      March 15, 2026                      9:45 a.m.**

**Worship Leader:** Lyndon Hofer

**Accompanist:** Paige Hofer

**Song Leader:** Suzanne Koerner

**Children's Time:** Amanda Mettler

**Scripture:** John 18:28-40

**Message:** Submission and Power

Pastor Randall Koehler

**Coffee Time:** Cole 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 led by Brandon Waltner

**Calendar:** *(please check the weekly bulletin email for more information and upcoming events)*

**TODAY:** Swan Lake Christian Camp Annual Meeting at 4 PM

**TODAY:** "Grief and Love" service in Visitor's Center at Arboretum at 7 PM

Mar. 11: Deacon-Pastor Team Meeting at 7 PM

Mar. 18: HMC Board Meeting at 7 PM

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

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**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 on Sunday, March 15, 2026.

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### **Call to Worship**

One: Welcome Lent.

*All: Welcome mystery.*

One: Welcome failure?

*All: Welcome fear?!*

One: Welcome lessons of regret.

*All: Welcome grace—ever near.*

One: Welcome questions we're avoiding.

*All: Welcome notes of dissonance.*

One: Welcome truth. Welcome courage.

*All: Welcome Jesus' steadfastness.*

**Prayer Requests and Praises:**

- **Birthdays:** Mildred Hofer on Mar. 10; Charlene Friesen on Mar. 11; Rina Hofer on Mar. 12; Todd Koerner on Mar. 13
- Today Megan Wiebersch is being licensed toward ordination at Washington Mennonite Church for her ministry as a hospital chaplain. Pray for God's blessing on Megan's ministry as she walks with those who are suffering.
- On this International Women's Day, pray that women across the street and around the world feel empowered to live out their faith in meaningful ways, despite any negative pressures they may feel from the patriarchal systems in their communities, homes, churches and countries.
- **Additional requests:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Offering and Attendance Last Sunday**

Offering: \$1,320

Attendance: 54

**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.

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