



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, March 10, 2024

9:45 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Call to Worship and Prayer

*Welcoming One Another

*Gathering and Praising

Praise with Joy the World's Creator VT #428

Thy Word is a Lamp VT #398

Scripture Reading

Psalm 107 Pew Bible p. 322

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Worship Music

Prayer of Confession

Scripture Reading

John 3:1-21 Pew Bible p. 561

Message

Christ Among Us: The Way of Mercy

Offering Prayer

*Responding and Sending

God, Be the Love VT #43

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me VT #429

*Benediction

Postlude

*please stand if you are able

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

www.HMCFreeman.org

TODAY March 10, 2024 9:45 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Lent

Worship Leader: Joline Thomas

Accompanist: Paige Hofer

Song Leader: Amanda Mettler

Worship Music: Cole Hofer

Children's Time: Paige Hofer & Torrie Zachariasen

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: Les & Mary Rensink

Children's Sunday School following the worship service. Adult Sunday School following coffee time in the Education Wing.

NEXT SUNDAY March 17, 2024 9:45 a.m. Fifth Sunday of Lent

Worship Leader: Lyndon Hofer

Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch

Song Leader: Aprille Birkey

Children's Time: Joline Thomas

Message: Christ Among Us: The New Covenant - Pastor Randall

Scripture: Psalm 119; Jeremiah 31:31-34

Coffee Time: Priscilla Hofer

Children's Sunday School following the worship service. Adult Sunday School following coffee time in the Education Wing.

Calendar:

March 13: Final Winter Midweek Bible Study on Zoom at 7 PM

March 24 - 27: Holy Week Services at HMC at 7 PM

March 28: HMC Annual Maundy Thursday Service at 7 PM in
the Fellowship Hall

July 20: SD MCC Relief Sale in Freeman

HMC Congregational Ministry Project for March:

MCC Hygiene Kits

Assemble your own kit **OR**, Barbie is willing to purchase and assemble so contact her directly and pay her \$10 per kit.

Kit contents are listed on the 2024 project list you received earlier this year in your mailbox.

Call to Worship:

One: Give thanks to God, for God is good!

Many: God's love endures forever.

One: Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story.

Many: God's love endures forever.

One: We may make careless choices and lose our way.

Many: God's love endures forever.

One: We call out to God when we are in trouble.

Many: God's love endures forever.

One: God rescues us from our anxieties and fears.

Many: God's love endures forever.

One: God's word sets us free to walk in newness of life.

Many: God's love endures forever.

One: God gathers us in, from the east and the west, from the north and the south.

All: For God's unfailing love, we give thanks to the Creator of all that is good.

Prayer of Confession:

One: Merciful God, we forget that you are the light of the world.

Many: Forgive us for our short memories.

One: Remind us that you are rich in mercy

Many: when we wander away from you.

One: Loving God, convict us of your immense love

Many: that shines brightly on us.

All: Merciful God, light of the world, we come seeking

Our Lenten Visual this week is a candle to remind us of God's mercy and grace. God is always shining His light toward us. We can embrace it or cover it. We all stray from the path we are on, but God is always there. God pursues us with an everlasting love. Let us open our hearts to the light so that God's love can flow in and through us to all those we encounter. To embody Christ is to be merciful as God is merciful.

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- **Birthdays:** Mildred Hofer on March 10 (today), Charlene Friesen on March 11, Rina Hofer on March 12, Todd Koerner on March 13, Violeta Castro Lopez on March 15, and Savanna Timmerman on March 16.
- Laura Schlabach, who has served with Mennonite Mission Network in Mongolia since 1993, is currently on North American Ministry in the United States. Pray that she will be able to find rest and renewal from the demands of being the only on-site member of a three-person executive director team for JCS International in Mongolia. Pray also for the smooth functioning of the organization in her absence.
- Pray for your sister churches in the Quad Cities area cluster: Casa de Oracion Emanuel, Iglesia Cristiana El Balsamo, Iglesia Menonita Centro Cristiano, Iglesia Torre Fuerte, Templo Alabanza and the El Buen Pastor church plant.

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The deacons and pastor invite you to join our annual winter **midweek study** on Wednesday evenings via zoom at 7 PM. We have been learning about conflicts in Palestine and Northern Ireland. This coming Wednesday, we continue studying the present-day effects of Apartheid in South Africa. Our central text, *I Am Not Your Enemy* by Michael T. McRay. Our next meeting is March 13.

In preparation of the Easter season and our hosting of the pre-Easter services it has been decided that our church will have a **spring cleaning**. This event has not taken place since pre-Covid, so it is time. Areas that will be of primary focus prior to Easter is the sanctuary, bathrooms, nursery, the two childcare rooms and the foyers. Other areas will need to be done also, but can wait until after Easter. Your help will be much appreciated. Dates will be announced soon and assignments will be in your mailboxes, so please watch for them. Thank you. - Joline

On **Maundy Thursday**, we will worship together at 7 p.m. in the basement. We will share in a Seder meal consisting of items like bitter herbs, horseradish, etc. Each item we taste symbolizes an experience or an emotion. Please join your HMC family on Maundy Thursday, March 28th.

Hope Harbor is a non-profit ministry founded in 2005 that offers family-style care for teens as they heal from a variety of issues that are unfortunately commonplace for youth today. The **Parker location** is in need of volunteers and is requesting that the local churches come alongside them in this venture. If you have any questions, you can call the facility at (605)297-2611. To fill out an application, you can go to hopeharbormn.org/volunteer. Thank you!

Donations sought for Schmeckfest Country Kitchen: The Schmeckfest Food Committee is asking for donations of food items for March 15 and 16. Poppysseed rolls, fruit pockets, kuchen, pumpkin rolls, caramel rolls, jams, horseradish and summer savory sell especially well. Donated food items for the Country Kitchen may be brought to Sterling Hall and should be labeled. Thank you!

MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory: An MCC kit cannot be distributed until each item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies in the Material Resources Center are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by filling the following needs:

- new infant sleepers (6-12 month sizes)
- bath towels (dark colored, light to medium weight)
- laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha or Zote brands)
- shampoo (20 oz min)
- spiral notebooks (70 sheets).

Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact brociamueller@mcc.org or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at mcc.org/kits.

Mark your calendars for the **SD MCC Relief Sale** to be held on Saturday, July 20, 2024 in Freeman, SD.

The **Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** will meet on Wednesday, March 13 at 11:30 A.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

Swan Lake Christian Camp is hosting a **retirement party** for Mary Anderson **TODAY** from 2:00-4:00 pm. At 4:00 we will be having our annual meeting and we invite you to stay and hear about all that is happening camp.