

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Please hold Ken Hamm in your prayers. He is recovering at home.
- We pray for Bev Barton as she recovers from breast cancer surgery.
- We pray for Anne Kehler, Dan's mom as she recovers from a broken hip and broken ribs. She is at Eastview Place.
- We pray for our pastor and her family
- We pray for the seniors in our congregation: Marianne Braun who is at Eastview; Jean Tarnick who is in her suite at Gardens on Tenth Manor, Bill Loewen at The Gardens, Harry & Susan Klassen at Golden West, Marlene Plett at Katherina Courts, Hilda Elias at Centre Courts and others who are not named.
- We pray for those who are grieving.
- We pray for those whose mental health and physical health make employment and daily life a struggle.
- We pray for the family care-givers.
- We pray for those in transition/who have moved to a new home.

Prayers for Our Community

- Pray for all teachers and students as they learn and teach.
- Pray for all the Health Care Providers.
- Pray for the church leaders at all levels of our conference.
- Pray for MCI.

Prayers for the World

- **Iglesia Cristiana Menonita de Colombia (IMCOL)** will be holding its national assembly March 22-25 in Cachipay, Colombia. Please pray for these siblings in faith as they gather, worship, celebrate and discern together. Pray also for Janet Plenert (pictured), Liaison Worker for ministry in Latin America, who will be representing Mennonite Church Canada at this gathering.

From the Pastor - Jubilant Palm Sunday greetings to you!

We enter into this Holy Week with shouts of "Hosanna!", waving palm branches, and laying down our cloaks in honour and blessing of he who comes in the name of the Lord. Today the mood is celebrant and victorious!

But in a matter of days, we will find ourselves in a very different crowd of onlookers. The joyful shouts will be replaced with mocking cries to "Crucify him!". And all we can do is witness the events unfold in horror and sadness as our Lord suffers alone for the sins of the world. We will stay, pray, watch, and weep together, knowing that soon it will be morning. A new and glorious morning!

Stay with me, the night has come,
Stay with me, the night has come,
Stay with me, the night has come,
and soon it will be morning,
and soon it will be morning.

Pray with me...

Watch with me...

Weep with me...

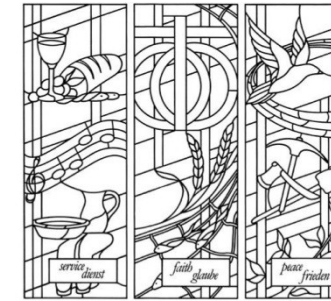
Text: David Bjorlin (USA), 2016

Lent 5 visuals: This week's symbol is a palm branch. Palm branches symbolize victory, triumph, peace, and eternal life.

Humble King

Oh, kneel me down again here at Your feet
Show me how much You love humility
Oh Spirit, be the star that leads me to
The humble heart of love I see in You

You are the God of the broken
The friend of the weak
You wash the feet of the weary
Embrace the ones in need
I want to be like You, Jesus
To have this heart in me
You are the God of the humble
You are the humble King



Altona Mennonite Church

Worship Service 11:00 am

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Christ Among Us, The Way of a Servant

Prelude

Palm Processional

Responsive Call to Worship

(adapted from Psalm 118:1-2; 19-29)

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

Let us say: "His love endures forever."

Open for us the gates of the righteous;

We will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

**People: We will give you thanks, for you answered us;
you have become our salvation.
The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
the LORD has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: The LORD has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.

People: LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success!

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

From the house of the LORD, we bless you.

The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us.

With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession
up to the altar.

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

**People: You are our God, and we will praise you;
you are our God, and we will exalt you.
All: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.**

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn VT 313 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Opening Prayer

Hymn VT 227 Here I am to Worship

Children's Time

Offering

Prayer of Confession

Leader: When we get caught up in embracing the world's power,

People: Forgive us.

Leader: When we lose sight of the donkey and put our trust in horses of war,

People: Remind us of this Palm Sunday.

Leader: When we begin to get drawn into the darkness of the "now",

All: Bring to us once again the peace of looking toward the "not yet"

Scripture: Mark 11:1-11; Philippians 2:5-11

Hymn VT 137 Holy, Holy, Holy

Sermon Erika Enns Rodine

Hymn Humble King (see back of bulletin)

Sharing & Pastoral Prayer

Hymn VT 761 I Love to Tell the Story

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leader: Greg Costen

Musician(s): Mary Costen, Marilyn Houser Hamm

Technician: Dale Klassen

Birthdays: March 24 – Ken Loewen, John Thiessen; March 30 – Susan Klassen

Anniversaries: March 25 – Greg & Lorraine Heinrichs; March 28 – Lori Dueck & Loren Brault

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

March 27 – 7:00 pm Choir practice

March 28 – 6:30 – 8:00 pm Maundy Thursday – Exploring the Labyrinth and Communion Service – see announcement

March 29 – 11:00 am - Good Friday service, AUC invited

Taize service led by Erika Enns Rodine, Jaimie Friesen Pankratz, Marilyn Houser Hamm and Edna Zacharias

March 31 – 9:30 am Easter Breakfast – see announcement

11:00 am – Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine

Theme: Christ Among Us! *Scripture:* Isaiah 25:6-9; John 20:1-18 *Worship Leader:* Andrea Hildebrand *Musicians:* Lori & Loren Hiebert *Technician:* Kevin Neufeld

Orange Bench arrives at AMC

April 7 – 9:30 am – Book Study – see announcement

– 11:00 am – Worship Service – Mick Friesen

April 14 – 11:00 am – Erika Enns Rodine

April 21 – 11:00 am – Erika Enns Rodine

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A reminder that the **10:30 am AMC Coffee sign up sheet** is on the wall near the office door. Feel free to volunteer!

- **Join the Choir!** There will be a joint AMC/AUC choir again this year for Good Friday. Rehearsals will be on March 20 & 27 (Wednesdays) at 7pm at AMC. The choir will also meet early to warm up on the morning of the service, March 29.

- **Maundy Thursday - Exploring the Labyrinth** - Come explore the labyrinth (stations of the cross) on March 28 at Seeds (in the worship auditorium) anytime between 6:30-8:00pm. AMC has 'booked' the space for Maundy Thursday evening, and we'll also be inviting our friends at AUC to join us for this time of meditation and communion. If you want to participate with others (or kids), come closer to 6:30. If you want a quieter time of reflection, come during the latter part of the evening. Erika will be there for the duration of the evening to guide and serve communion.

- **Join us for Easter breakfast** on Sun. March 31, 2024 at 9:30 AM in the church basement. Please bring paska or hot cross buns and cut up fruit and hard boiled eggs enough for your family plus a little extra. Coffee, Tea and Juice will be provided. Set up is Group 1 and Clean up is Group 2.

- **AMC's Formation Committee** has planned Sunday School/Youth activities for April and May at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. Every other week there will be joint Bible memorization with Margrute, which will alternate with separate Youth Classes/AMC kids bake muffins and serve coffee on the Sundays in between.

- **Spring Book Study:** Join us in reading and discussing Sarah Augustine & Sheri Hostetler's book: "So We & Our Children May Live: Following Jesus in Confronting the Climate Crisis" Sunday mornings in the church library (basement) starting April 7 from 9:30-10:30. The book is \$26, see Lori H.

WIDER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Southern Manitoba Choral Society** – "Prairie to Sea Melodies" concert at the Altona Bergthaler Church, Sunday, March 24, 3:00 pm.

- **YFC's Miss Mondays** will be hosting a tie dye night on March 25th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. All girls ages 12 - 20 are welcome to come! Please sign up ASAP, letting us know your choice of either a t-shirt (\$10) or a crew-neck (\$20) along with your size. It's gonna be a ton of fun, hope to see you there!

- **Fruit Jam Fundraising concert** for the community orchard, April 13, doors open at 6. See poster.

CONFERENCE or MCC RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **MCM Mondays Mar 25, 7:30pm on Zoom.** These sessions are meant for everyone in the congregation who is interested in the topic. Engaging Youth in the Church- for congregations with many or few. Join in a conversation about what we are discovering and what we are exploring in congregational youth ministry/adolescent faith formation. Hosted by Kathyg. www.mennochurch.mb.ca/mcmmondays for more info and the Zoom link.

- **Light the Fire Launch Party. Your Camps with Meaning Capital Campaign** is launching on April 14, 2024, 7:00pm, at Alloway Hall at the Manitoba Museum. Music by Steve Bell, Bucky Driedger and Alisa Wiebe, and more. Food, drink, news, and of course an invitation to think about how you will light the fire (support the campaign). Sign up for free tickets and more info on the project at www.lightthefire.ca

- **A great summer of camp is coming!** All registrations are open: campers, staff, volunteers. www.campswithmeaning.org

- **Germinating Conversations: Sustainable Food Production – How do we do that?!** Hosted by MCC, CMU, and A Rocha, join us to hear from soil scientist Dr. Mario Tenuta, in conversation with local farmers on soil, fertilizer, greenhouse gases and climate change. Come to CMU's Great Hall (500 Shaftesbury Blvd., North Campus) on Friday, April 5 at 7:00pm. Stay for cookies and conversation after the presentations. To learn more, check out mcc.org/manitoba/germinatingconversations