

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Jean Tarnick is at Eastview Place. She is finding the days long as she can't move independently. She welcomes visitors.
- Bev Barton is home, still waiting for some tests. Pray for calm.
- We pray for the seniors in our congregation: Marianne Braun at Eastview; Bill Loewen and Elizabeth Falk at the Gardens; Harry & Susan Klassen at Golden West, and others who are not named.
- We pray for all who are living with ongoing health concerns.
- We pray for those who are grieving, for those whose mental health and physical health make employment and daily life a struggle, for those in transition, for those who have moved to or are waiting to move to a new home.
- We pray for the family care-givers.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

- **MCC laments** the U.S. military aggression against Iran and mourns our collective failure to stop the endless cycles of violence and the cheapening of human life. We recommit to be peacemakers in a time of escalating violent conflict.

- **Global Companion of the Month: South Africa** - As we embrace a posture of companionship in the global church, an Anabaptist group called Iziko Lamaqabane in South Africa is stepping up to that commitment and offering to walk with us. In addition to their ministry of working with urban peace and justice practitioners in South Africa to "heal colonial wounds, disrupt systemic violence and cultivate faith formed by and expressed in liberative praxis", the Iziko leaders are gifted in facilitating pilgrimage learning experiences. Mennonite Church Canada is working in partnership with Iziko Lamaqabane to explore the long history and legacy of colonialism and apartheid in South Africa through one of these pilgrimages. For more information: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/international-witness/pilgrimage>

- **Scholarships and prayers for Palestine.** - MC Canada's Palestine/Israel Network thanks all who donated to its Advent giving project for scholarships at Bethlehem Bible College. Donations are still being accepted through March 31; please visit <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/adventgiving2025> for more information. The PIN also urges prayer for our siblings in faith as they maintain a gospel message in Gaza, West Bank, and East Jerusalem with the added complexity and threat from the US/Israel conflict with Iran.

579 With Astonishment, Fear, and Wonder

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(♩ = c. 66) COMO PODEN PER SAS CULPAS 9.9.9.9 with refrain 9.9.9.9 D

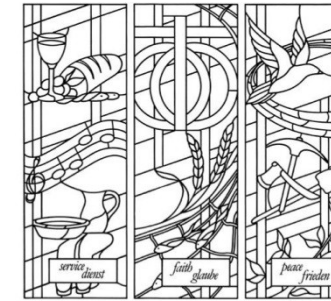


1 With as-ton-ish-ment, fear, and won-der, we are
As the le-gions of fear and pow-er are ap-
*2 Bless-ed is the one who's com-ing, and is
For the king-dom is now up-on us, and is
3 We're sur-round-ed by glad com-pan-ions, ho-ly
Here is Mir-i-am, with her tim-brel; here is

walk-ing the road with Je-sus; we are walk-ing the peace-ful
proach-ing with sword and ar-mor, with Em-man-u-el we are
rid-ing up-on a don-key; prais-es high in the heights of
com-ing in all its full-ness. It will raise up the poor and
com-pa-ny, great and awe-some: all our an-ces-tors sing-ing
Josh-u-a, with the sho-fars; here are Si-las and Paul, from

path-way; we are sing-ing the com-ing king-dom.
march-ing, with no sword but a song: Ho-san-na! To refrain
heav-en, praise the name of our God most ho-ly.
hum-ble with com-pas-sion and love— Ho-san-na! To refrain
wit-ness to the Ho-ly One, work-ing a-mong us.
pris-on; they are sing-ing God's reign, Ho-san-na! To refrain

*This verse does not appear in the pew edition.



Altona Mennonite Church

Worship Service 11:00 am

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Palm Sunday

Prelude *All Glory, Laud and Honor* Kauffmann; Powell

Palm Procession VT 314 Holy Lord

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

**All: We gather to worship God
and to look back on where we've been;**

One: we see old hopes, plans, and dreams,
remembered "Hosannas!"
and all these weeks of Lent.

**All: We gather to worship God
and to look at where we are now,**

One: at Jesus re-defining triumph;
and the king on the cross instead of a throne.

**All: We gather to worship God
and to wonder at this mystery,**

One: of salvation that comes so strangely;
of life that comes through death;
of brokenness meeting grace.

Opening Prayer

Hymn VT 312 Jesus is Coming

Scripture Reading John 12:12-27

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Hymn VT 579 With Astonishment, Fear, and Wonder
Scripture Reading John 19:16b-22
Monologue - A disciple's story
Confession Poem
Hymn VT 316 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty (vs 1 & 2)
Sermon Erika Enns Rodine
Musical Reflection
Sharing & Congregational Prayer
Hymn VT 313 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
Sending Blessing
Postlude *Jesus Shall Reign* *arr. Leavitt*

Worship Leader: Marge Friesen
Musician(s): Nancy Ratzlaff
Technician: Kevin Neufeld

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

April 2 – 7 pm Maundy Thursday Communion service
April 3 – Good Friday service with Altona United Church
- see announcement below
1:45 pm Muslim Men's Prayer time
April 5 – Easter Morning – Erika Enns Rodine
9:30 am Breakfast ; 11:00 am – Worship Service
Theme: Death and Resurrection *Scripture:* John 20:1-18
Worship Leader: Lori Hiebert *Musician(s):* Loren & Lori Hiebert *Technician:* Loren Braul
April 7 9:00 am – Contemplative Prayer
April 10 1:45 pm Muslim Men's Prayer Time
April 12 9:45 am – Adult study resumes
11:00 am – Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine

Birthdays: March 30 – Susan Klassen; April 3 – Bretlyn Loewen

Anniversaries: April 3 – Karey & Andrea Hildebrand; April 4 – Ray & Doreen Mierau

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Maundy Thursday Communion** – April 2, 7:00 pm at AMC.
- **Good Friday** – Meet at AMC by 10:00 am for the Cross Walk to Altona United Church. The service begins there at 11:00 am.

- Please join us for **Easter breakfast on Sunday April 5, 2026 at 9:30 AM.** Please bring paska or hot cross buns, fruit and hard boiled eggs, enough for your family and a little more to share. Set up group is Group 1 and clean up is group 2 from the serving group list.

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

- **February 2026 marked the 3 year anniversary** for Erika Enns Rodine as pastor of AMC. We want to celebrate and review how the last 3 years have gone for her and us. She has requested to hear feedback from the congregation and a small group will gather to review and discuss this with her. If you have feedback in the form of positive aspects or areas you'd like to see more attention or focus, we'd like to hear from you. Please share these thoughts with Ang Enns, John Thiessen or Kim Batchelor prior to March 31, 2026. Thanks for your feedback!

- Ray and Marilyn Houser Hamm's new mailing and street addresses are Box 1223, 3002 5th St., Rosthern, Saskatchewan. S0K 3R0

From the Treasurer:

- Ways to Give at Altona Mennonite Church:
- cash or cheque in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary
- online bill payments through Access Credit Union
- etransfer to amchurchdonations@gmail.com
Thank you for your donations as we continue to be church together!

COMMUNITY AND LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- You are warmly invited to an **evening of prayer titled "From Ashes to Grace" on Tuesday, March 31st at 7:00 p.m.**, organized by and held at Altona United Church. This hour will be a time of silent prayer, open to all, as we bring before God the needs of our community, nation, and world, seeking God's presence, healing, and renewal. As Scripture encourages us, "The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on in truth" (Psalm 145:18, NRSV). You are invited to share your prayer requests by March 27 so they may be included. We also kindly ask that your congregation appoint one person who can offer a prayer during the gathering.

If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me at souravnag58@gmail.com or by phone at 431-733-9787.

- **Cottonwood Community Drama** will be presenting *The Carpenter* by Dorothy Clarke Wilson at Buhler Hall in Gretna on April 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m., and with a matinee on April 18 at 2:30 p.m. The production is directed by Holly Gilson, with technical direction by Charles Klippenstein. *Set in a small New England town in the 1940s, The Carpenter tells the story of Jeff Masters, a quiet carpenter who arrives seeking work and a place to stay. His kindness and integrity begin to challenge the fears and prejudices of the townspeople, leading them to reconsider their attitudes toward outsiders. Told as an allegory with clear parallels to biblical stories, this faith-based drama explores what it truly means to humbly live out one's faith.*

CONFERENCE or MCC RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Living in a Changing Climate: Stories of Wildfire Impact in Cross Lake – Pimicikamak Cree Nation.** Come join the MCM Climate Action Working Group (CAWG) on Saturday, April 11 at 9:30am as we listen to stories of the devastating 2025 wildfires and reflect together on how climate change is impacting us all. Refreshments will be served. South Conference Room - Canadian Mennonite University (600 Shaftesbury Blvd).

- **Light the Fire Party** with comedian Matt Falk. April 19, 2026. 7:00pm. Caboto Centre, Winnipeg. Come out and support your Camps with Meaning Capital Campaign by enjoying the "effortlessly funny" comedian, Matt Falk. Free tickets are available at www.lightthefire.ca There is a sign up sheet to order tickets.

- **Camps with Meaning summer staff** application portal is open. www.campswithmeaning.org/staff

- **Summer camp registration** is open for kids Gr 1 to Gr 12. www.campswithmeaning.org