

Community Mennonite Church

March 28, 2010

Holding On, Letting Go Palm Sunday

Gathering

PRELUDE

Jenny Hochstetler

WELCOME

Nicholas Detweiler-Stoddard

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We bear witness to Jesus who became obedient unto death.

People: May we, too, become obedient.

Leader: We lift up Christ who emptied himself and became a servant.

People: May we, too, become servants.

All: We celebrate Jesus, our model.

HYMNS

Jeremy Nafziger

Jesus is Coming

Purple 73

God, fill me now

Purple 63

Holding On

SCRIPTURE

Adam Houser

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

HYMN

Fling wide the door, unbar the gate

Blue 186

SCRIPTURE

Erika Detweiler

Zechariah 9:9-10

SILENCE

Hearing the Word

CHILDREN'S TIME

Nancy Heisey

SCRIPTURE

*Hanna Heishman, Erika Detweiler,
Adam Houser & Greta Leinbach-Krieder*

Luke 19:28-40

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hosanna, loud hosanna

Blue 238

**May the words of my mouth
and the meditations of my heart**

Be acceptable in your sight,

O God, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Jesus Rode a Donkey, Not a Warhorse

SERMON

Jennifer Davis Sensenig

LITANY

Congregational response:

Jesus is Lord

HYMN OF RESPONSE

All hail the power of Jesus' name

Blue 285

Letting Go

OFFERING OUR FIRSTFRUITS

OFFERTORY

Jenny Hochstetler

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:41-44

HYMN

Jesus, remember me

Blue 247

SHARING AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Jennifer Davis-Sensenig

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

From ashes to the living fount

Purple 59

Coffee Fellowship

Sunday School begins at 10:30

HOPES AND FEARS

This year as we continue our Lenten worship discipline of holding on and letting go, we are aware of God's call to CMC to deepen our spirituality in 2010 in these three ways:

◆ **Enrich our prayer practices.**

◆ **Follow Jesus in our relationships with persons who are gay or lesbian.**

◆ **Respond to the Holy Spirit's invitations.**

This second item carries strong emotions for many of us. Pastoral Team believes it will be a good practice for all of us to name both our fears and our hopes as we practice skills for congregational dialogue on difficult issues. We'll do this as an act of worship.

On March 21st we named **our fears and hopes** by writing them down during worship and placing them at the foot of the cross. During the week Pastoral Team read these and prepared a litany or prayer for worship on March 28th, so that as a congregation we hear one another's fears and hopes. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, March 28th. Surely Jesus, the crowds, the Galilean disciples, and the others who joined along the way were full of hopes and fears as they entered Jerusalem with palm branches. No one knew exactly what would happen when Jesus addressed the difficult issues of his day in Jerusalem, but ultimately it was good news. We don't know exactly what will happen as CMC begins this dialogue, but we acknowledge our hopes and fears as **we follow Jesus**.

PASTORAL TEAM

Welcome to all visitors!

- Coat racks are in the rear of the fellowship hall
- Restrooms and Nursery Care (ages 2 and under) are off the main hallway (north side of building)
- The Church Newsletter is on top of the hymnal racks
- "quiet activity bags" for young children are available in back left side of sanctuary
- Visitor Information can be found on the small bookcase on the north wall of the fellowship hall.
- Please let us know you were here by filling out a blue slip in the Welcome to Worship brochure and placing it in the offering plate.
- Sunday school offerings for adults and children are listed on bulletin board on north wall of fellowship hall, as well as on Visitor Information bookshelf.

TODAY, March 28

Worship at 9:00 AM
Announcements: Jennifer Davis Sensenig
Nursery: Andrea, Eli & Leah Wenger
Sound: Delbert Wenger
Greeters: David Graybill
Head Usher: Dorothy Jean Weaver
Sunday School at 10:30 AM
Palm Sunday Peace Walk at 1 PM

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CMC ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Pastor Jason on vacation Mon-Wed

Tue 7:00 PM Needlework group, FH
Thur 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday service
Fri church office closed
7:00 PM Good Friday service
Sat 10:00 PM Easter Vigil at Park View Mennonite
Sun 9:00 AM Easter Brunch
Worship at 10:00 AM
Speaker: Jennifer Davis Sensenig
Worship Leader: Sue Cockley
Song Leader: Jay Hartzler
Nursery: Betty Simensen & Maria Rodriguez
Sound: Wayne Gehman
Greeters: Sharon Miller & Nicholas Detweiler-Stoddard
Head Usher: Harold Shenk
NO Sunday School

IN OUR BUILDING THIS WEEK

Mon 6:30 PM Beginning English, Rm 109, FH
Intermediate English, Rm 203
Wed 7:00 PM Patchwork Pantry, kitchen, FH
Thur 6:30 PM Beginning English, Rm 109, FH
Intermediate English, Rm 203

WEEKLY LECTIONARY READINGS

Apr 4 Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;
I Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

April 5-12 HARTS at CMC
July 11-16 MYF service trip to New York
Sept 10-12 All-church Retreat at Camp Overlook

OUR MISSION

We the people of Community Mennonite Church offer our gifts and lives to the call of Jesus Christ.

We strive actively to follow the God of peace through our worship, fellowship, and service to both the local community and the wider world.

Leadership

PASTORAL TEAM

Jennifer Davis Sensenig, Lead Pastor
cmc_jennifer@ntelos.net Mon-Thur 9-4, off Fri
Meg Wightman, Pastor of Community Life
cmc_meg@ntelos.net Mon, Wed, Thur 9-4
Jason Gerlach, Pastor of Youth Ministry
youthpastor@ntelos.net Mon, Wed, Thur 9-noon

Tina Beachy, Pastoral Elder
Lonnie Yoder, Pastoral Elder

CHURCH COUNCIL

Andrea Wenger, Council Chair
Mark Metzler Sawin, Vice-Chair
Terry Burkhalter, Administrative Chair
Brian Martin Burkholder, Community Life Chair
Jennifer Murch, Youth Chair
Heidi Winters Vogel, Outreach Chair
Hedy Reese, Worship Chair

CHURCH OFFICE

Sandy McCafferty, Office Coordinator
office hrs: Mon-Fri, 9-4:30

Attendance last Sunday: 245

Offering: \$7,884.87

YTD Budget Comparison: -\$7,249.95