



FOREST HILLS MENNONITE CHURCH

March 28, 2021 | Palm Sunday

GATHERING

Prelude

Gathering Song: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Sandy Smoker-Piano, Tim Smoker, Becky Degan-Singers

Call to Worship and Invocation

Jerry Lile

Song: *What A Beautiful Name*

Jonny Bishop-Guitar, Michael Degan-Bass, Sheila Snyder-Drums

CONNECTING

Passing the Peace

Offering Prayer

Offertory: *The Palms*

Kori Jantzen-Piano, Karen Eckert-Organ

Baby Dedication

Caleb Baker, Oliver Bathurst, Dawkins Bunting

Dismissal for Kids Church (Grades PreK-Gr. 2, Room #1-2)

REFLECTING

Song: *May the Peoples Praise You*

Scripture: John 12:1-32

Sermon: *Triumph and Temptation*

Jon Carlson

Response Song: *Take My Life*

SENDING

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Postlude



CARES & CONCERNS >>>

As the cares and concerns of our congregation come to mind,
please lift them to the Lord in prayer:

- ❖ Don Nelson having hip surgery this week.
- ❖ Marty Peifer undergoing heart-related testing.
- ❖ Those recovering from illnesses and procedures.
- ❖ For open hearts and minds during the Lenten Season.
- ❖ Those grieving the loss of loved ones.

Don Nelson is scheduled for a hip replacement on Wednesday, March 31. Following the surgery, he will be recovering at home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS >>>

For Sunday worship services during the months of March and April, we will be inviting Sunday School groups to attend Sunday morning in-person worship services on a rotating basis. If you are not currently connected with a Sunday School class, feel free to pick any Sunday morning and drop in for a worship service.

April 11 & 25 – Adelpian, Diakonia, Agape, Gemeinschaft

March 28, April 18 – Salt 'n' Light, Rest for the Weary, Grounded

On Easter Sunday, April 4, we will have two identical worship services so that everyone can have a chance to worship in-person at Forest Hills. Please register for the service you are planning to attend - either 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. The 9 a.m. service will also be livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube. Nursery and Kids' Church will be provided at the 11 a.m. service only. Please wear your masks and maintain physical distancing. No physical tickets will be needed at the door, but please RSVP through the link below so that we can keep sanctuary capacity at comfortable levels: <https://fhmc.church/easter>.

Everyone is invited to watch our Holy (Maundy) Thursday service online on April 1, at 7 p.m. This celebration of the Last Supper will include singing, scripture readings, and communion in preparation for the rejoicing on Resurrection Sunday. The service will be streamed on our church Facebook and YouTube pages.

We have enjoyed seeing pictures of our Forest Hills family during the pre-service slide shows on Sunday mornings. Please feel free to send in pictures of you or your family in their daily activities over the last year by emailing them to fhmc@foresthillschurch.org.

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The Eby Cemetery Association, our church cemetery committee, needs two individuals to serve on the board of directors. The President presides over the annual meeting of board of directors, signs all legal documents, and does general supervision of the affairs of the association. We also need a Property Committee Chairman. This person has general responsibility for the appearance of the cemetery, including landscaping, mulching, trimming, raking leaves, and maintenance of the fence around cemetery with the assistance of other committee members. They also, in preparation for a burial, verify the correct plot and stake out the exact location of the burial site and headstone location on the plot. Neither of these positions requires a lot of time but it is important to maintain the cemetery and provide an attractive final resting place for our members. Please contact Ken Martin if you have any questions or interest.

Nursery volunteers are needed. Caregivers of all ages are invited to consider volunteering for this small but important class. This ministry makes it possible for young families to join our service. Volunteers should be aware that children of this age cannot wear masks, so it is very important that volunteers be properly masked while in the nursery. This would be a great place for those that are already vaccinated to serve. Please contact Liz Clapper as soon as possible to sign up or if you have any questions.

The Lancaster Community Meal Program is a network of churches and organizations that provides three free meals to the local community every day. The Parish Resource Center is expanding the services available by setting up computer stations where guests can schedule COVID vaccination appointments or apply to the Emergency Rental Assistance Program to avoid eviction. They need volunteers to be available to answer questions and help guests through the online forms and applications. Training will be provided. To get involved fill out the form on their website: <https://parishresourcecenter.org/community-initiatives/poverty/>.

Today's worship service features eco-palms that are harvested using sustainable methods that minimize the impact on the natural forest. The harvesters grow and market the palms directly, providing them with a fair wage and the opportunity to improve their local communities.

“We want to give thanks for all of the cards, calls, and visits expressing sympathy for the passing of Joyce’s sister. Thank you to everyone who reached out to us.” - Marty and Joyce Peifer

MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) Upcoming Events:

- April 16-18 - Retreat at Camp Eder.
- May 16 - Youth Sunday.
- June 13 - Baptism Sunday.

H O S P I T A L I T Y H E L P E R S

- ❖ Head Usher: Vernon Kauffman
- ❖ Audio Visual Technicians: Rod Lefever, Jim Shannon, Joseph Bodden, Davin Esbenshade, Micah Carlson
- ❖ Greeters: The Rodak Family

T O D A Y

- ❖ 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for Grounded, RFTW, Preschool -5th, Jr. Youth, and MYF.
- ❖ 10:30 a.m. - The worship service will be open to Salt n' Light, Grounded, RFTW and their families. The service can be streamed on YouTube: <https://fhmc.church/youtube> or Facebook: www.facebook.com/foresthillsmennonite.
- ❖ Baby dedications for Caleb Baker, Dawkins Bunting, and Oliver Bathurst.
- ❖ 6 p.m. - MYF (Youth Group, Gr. 9-12) - Movie night at the Clappers'.

T H I S W E E K

- ❖ Thursday, 9 a.m. - Mennonite Women comforter knotting.
- ❖ Thursday, 7 p.m. - Virtual Holy Thursday service will be online only. Visit our Facebook or YouTube pages to view this service.

N E X T S U N D A Y

- ❖ Easter Sunday - No Sunday School. Pastor Jon will preach. We will have two identical services at 9 and 11 a.m. with Kids' Church and nursery at the later service only. The 9 a.m. service will be available online. See announcement below to RSVP.

MARCH 21 REPORT:

Weekly Giving: General Fund \$15,795
YTD Giving \$360,794; YTD Budget \$378,951 (-5%)

ATTENDANCE: 76

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