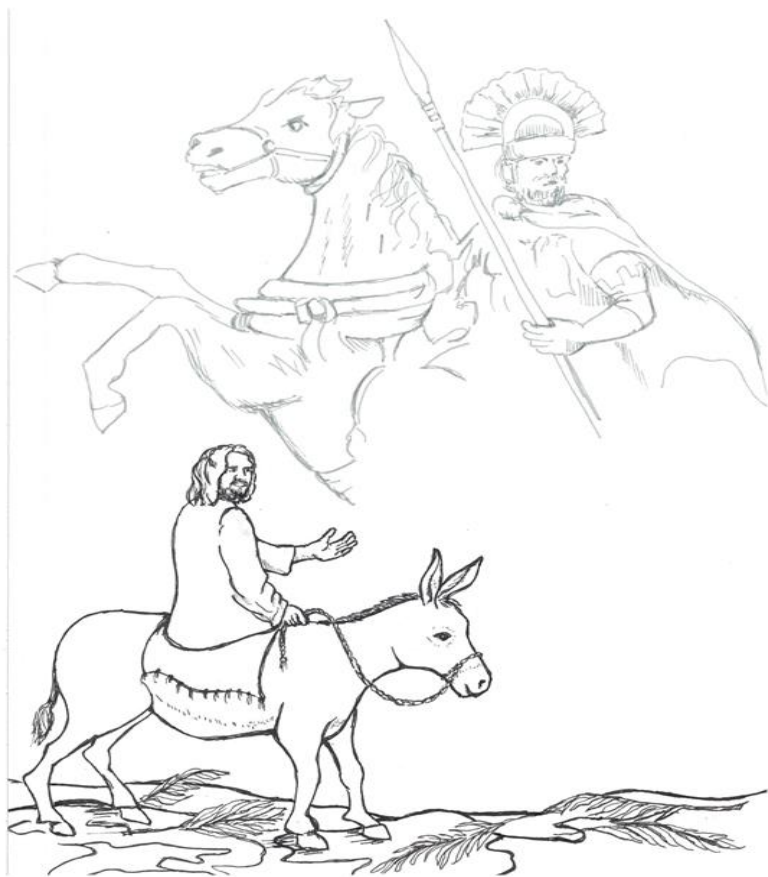


*Welcome to the
Bergthaler Mennonite Church
of Altona*



Sunday, April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday – From Power Over to Power With

Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona

Worship Service

April 10, 2022, 10:30 am

“Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.” – Luke 19:39-40

GATHERING and PRAISE

Welcome and Announcements

Music **All people that on earth do dwell** HWB 42

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

Responsive Reading

Music **All glory, laud, and honor** HWB 237

LISTENING

Music **Today Earth Is Singing** VT 510

Children’s Story

Scripture **Luke 19:28-40**

Sermon **What kind of king?**

Prayer of confession and assurance

RESPONDING

Music **How deep the Father’s love**

Prayer for the Offering, the Church, and the World

SENDING

Benediction

Music **The Lord lift you up** SJ 73

Sermon: Mark Tiessen-Dyck Worship Leader/Scripture: Amanda Wiens

Music: Hilda Franz and Andrew Richert Children’s Story: Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

Our worship service will be live-streamed Sunday morning at 10:30am and is available on the church website at [\[abchurchcommunity.ca\]](http://abchurchcommunity.ca). If using a handheld device [phone/tablet] you may get a message that says “video unavailable”, but if you click on the line “watch this video on YouTube” it will reload and play for you.

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Susan Toews, Agatha Kehler, Bernard Wiebe and Shirley Toews at the Altona Health Centre
- ~ **Willie Funk of our church family** passed away on April 6. We are invited to join in gratitude for his life and pray for his daughter and son-in-law Irene and LeRoy Friesen and extended family. Funeral arrangements are pending.
- ~ **On April 17th** we will be welcoming several individuals into our congregation through transfer of membership; Bonnie Friesen, Herman and Helen Kuhl, Herold Schlegel and Elaine Erb.
- ~ **We wish a happy birthday and God's blessing to:** Milly Klassen (April 10), Sarah Dueck (April 12), Hilda Wiebe (April 12), Larry D Friesen (April 13), Glenys Voth (April 15), Marge Friesen (April 16)

WORSHIP CALENDAR

April 10: Palm Sunday - Mark: From power over to power with

April 15: Good Friday – Communion

April 17: Easter Sunday – Virginia: From ending to possibility

Easter weekend:

April 15, 10:30 am – Good Friday service. We will gather to remember the teachings and death of Jesus through our worship and participation in communion.

April 17, 10:30 am Easter– Choir – participants are invited to come for rehearsal at **9:15 am**. Songs will be: Christ is Alive! Let Christians sing VT 359, Sing with all the saints in glory SS 92, To God be the glory HWB 102, For freedom Christ has set us free, O God in heaven SJ 53. Contact Laurie Enns with questions.

April 17, 10:30 Easter Sunday – we will celebrate the risen Christ and how His resurrection opens up our understanding to the possibilities of God.

Responsive Reading:

One: We use boxes to limit our understanding of God's ways

Many: **These boxes put unnecessary boundaries around God**

One: Your ways, O God are higher than our ways

Many: **Let us seek God's ways** PAUSE

All: **Lord, move us from seeking the power to control others to instead using power with them for everyone's healing and wholeness**

FROM THE PASTOR: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

After Easter we are going to begin another new practice in our worship services. As pastors, we have discussed this several times since last fall and have discerned that it is time to give it a try.

We will be inviting people from the church to be interviewed by one of the pastors. These interviews will be a few minutes as part of our worship service and will explore a person's volunteer role in the church or community, how someone lives out their faith through their work, or an experience or opportunity that someone has had.

Our hope is that these interviews give us an opportunity to get to know people from the church, learn about how others are serving God and living their faith, foster inspiration and creativity among us, and help us see how God is at work in our church and community.

We are excited to initiate this and I know we will be interested to hear and learn from others. And it may not be someone else being interviewed, it might be you! We do hope that you will be open to listening, learning, and sharing.

Sr Youth and Jr Youth:

Sr. youth: April 12, Tuesday, 7 pm – prayer stations and Maundy Thursday

Jr. youth: April 13, Wednesday, 7 pm – prayer stations and Maundy Thursday

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Even though there are currently no government requirements to wear masks at this time, we are going to be taking a gradual approach to removing our masks. We continue to request that if you are experiencing covid symptoms that you worship from home.

We are asking everyone to abide by this timeline:

April: wear a mask for entering, exiting, moving around and singing (masks can be removed once seated)

May and beyond: masks are optional.

Remember to mark your calendars for May 1! ABC-Ignite – worship and brunch all in one in the church basement.

There is a \$100.00 camp sponsorship available to children attending camp this summer. Applications are in the church office. Please apply as soon as possible.

If anyone is interested in the old fridge in South Wing, please let Cheryl or Jolene know.

ABC Finance is thankful for the ongoing support by its church family for the ministry and operation of Altona Bergthaler Church. We are also hopeful that as our church returns to "normal" with in person gathering and worship, that will reflect positively on our financial obligations. As of the end of March offering was 79,220.00 (62 % of the 2022 budget) compared with 105,036.59 in 2021, which has resulted in a YTD shortfall of approximately 37,000.00 As reported at the AGM earlier this year, we committed to ensuring that the church family would receive regular updates on our progress. Thanks again for your generosity. ~Al Friesen Chair

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Canadian School of Peacebuilding: June 6-10; 13-17. Registration is open for courses taught by local, national, and international peacebuilders to serve practitioners, professionals, activists, students, non-governmental organizations, and faith-based groups. Visit csop.cmu.ca.

Mennonite Church Manitoba: Good Friday through the Senses – involving taste, touch, smell, sound and sight. Choose from multiple 2 hr blocks, April 15 and 16 at the MCM office. Visit www.mennochurch.mb.ca/events for more info and free registration.

Myanmar conflict continues. As we watch with horror the images of Ukrainian refugees fleeing bombing and burning buildings, please continue to pray also for the continued bombings and atrocities of the Myanmar army on its own people. Pray for Anabaptist brothers and sisters in the Chin state.