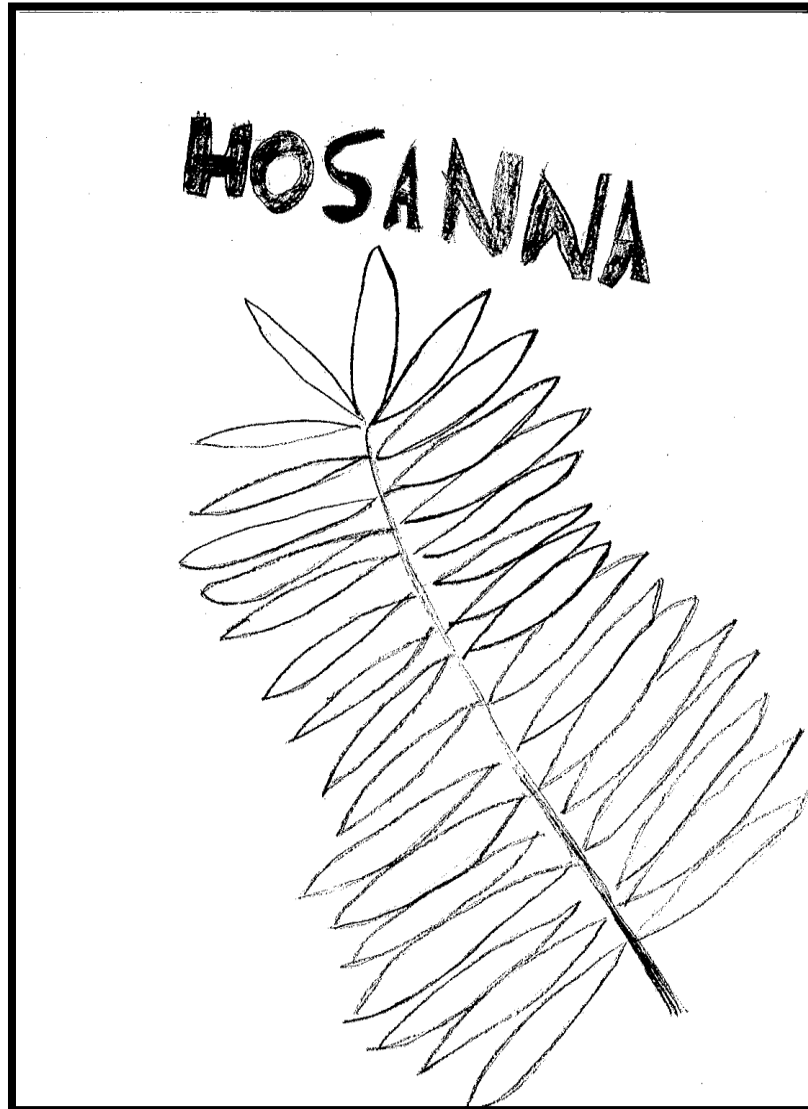


*Welcome to the  
Bergthaler Mennonite Church  
of Altona*



*by Julia Wiens*

*Sunday, April 5, 2020*

**BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH OF ALTONA  
WORSHIP SERVICE**

**April 5, 2020**

*The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,  
“Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!”*

**Matthew 21:9**

**Sermon & Scripture:** Mark Tiessen-Dyck

**Worship Leader:** Amanda Wiens

**Music:** Anne Friesen, Verna Heinrichs, Dave Wiebe, Lorraine Hamm

**Dramatization:** Amanda Wiens & Mark Tiessen-Dyck

**Children’s Story:** Mark Tiessen-Dyck

**Sound Tech:** Gord Sawatzky & Vern Friesen

Our worship service will be posted to:

[abchurch.libsyn.com](http://abchurch.libsyn.com) *and to*

[abchurchcommunity.ca](http://abchurchcommunity.ca)

first thing Sunday morning.

Our guiding scripture passage for this time of worship is

Jeremiah 29:1-14.

**WORSHIP CALENDAR**

Weekly Worship Services will be available online until further notice.

Worship Calendar:

April 10: Good Friday service with communion

April 12: Easter

Even though we are not doing in person pastoral visits at this time, we are eager to make many phone calls to people in our community who would value a regular connection to the Church. If you or a loved one would appreciate a weekly phone call from the church, please let myself or Amanda know.

~ Mark Tiessen-Dyck

## **PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER**

- ~ **Pray** for Rick & Caroline Neufeld, Vic (Carol's brother) his wife Marilyn Winter, and their families. Vic has been diagnosed with the COVID-19 virus and his health is critical. He is in the ICU in the Windsor hospital in Ontario.
- ~ **Pray** for those who have found themselves temporarily unemployed due to the COVID-19 unessential Business mandate.
- ~ **Pray** for all those who are finding it difficult to be separated from loved ones during this time of COVID-19 social distancing.
- ~ **New Address:** Anne Braun has moved to: 308-140, 10th Ave. NE Gardens on Tenth.
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada:**  
**April 5 - Mennonite Church Canada On-Line Worship Service.**  
**Mennonite Church Saskatchewan provides Palm Sunday service for nationwide community of faith.**  
As part of MCCCanada's weekly sharing of worship services, Eigenheim Mennonite Church, together with Mennonite Church Saskatchewan, will collaborate this week to bring a service to our nationwide community of faith for Palm Sunday. Ryan Siemens, Executive Minister for MC Sask, will focus on Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11) and help prepare us to walk with Christ to the cross. Go to <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices> to view the video this weekend.
- ~ **China churches reach out** to help equip Canadian congregations. Churches in China are praying for our Canadian congregations and offering their help as we begin to face what they have lived through in the last months. Praise God for the nearly daily messages of support and offers of masks and other protective gear from Mennonite Church Canada China ministry colleagues and friends, sent in the midst of the Canadian COVID-19 crises. Thank God for this global family of faith that walks together in times of difficulty and times of joy.

**Because we know that God is at work**, we would like to hear your testimonies from this time of pandemic. Have the disruptions enabled you to experience God in a new way? What are you doing to stay connected? Have you had the opportunity to do something you don't normally do? How are you growing in your walk with Jesus? Where have you seen beauty, shalom, or joy? If you have something to share, please be in touch with me or one of the other pastors. With your permission we would also love to share some experiences with the congregation to help us stay connected in a time of social distancing and to remain centered on Christ.

~ Mark Tiessen-Dyck

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Pastor Mark** will be returning from his holiday time on April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- **Pastor Josh** started his 4 week unpaid leave of absence. Josh & Steph are spending time in Nebraska. We look forward to Josh's return to ministry at ABC in the last week of April.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **April 16 – YFC Dessert Night** – fundraiser has been canceled due to the current public health crisis.  
We want to thank you for your support, especially at this time. Though we have had to temporarily halt our programs, we have not stopped the work of The Stations ministry. We have had to change the way we reach the young people of our community. We have made a focus to interact with teens while adhering to the guidelines set by our government. This includes online interactions such as messenger, video chat, online challenges and games and more. We will take this time to grow relationships, ask tough questions, and ultimately show these young people how much Jesus loves them.  
Thank you for your support and prayers. We know that following God's lead, we will be able to lead kids and teens to Jesus in these unprecedented times.

**Mennonite Church Manitoba** [www.mennochurch.mb.ca](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca) 896-1616

**Mennonite Church Canada**

**Canadian Mennonite University** – [www.cmu.ca](http://www.cmu.ca)

- **Your opportunity to discover CMU from home**

Prospective students and parents are invited to CMU's Virtual Open House on Tuesday, April 7, 1-2pm.CST [cmu.ca/openhouse](http://cmu.ca/openhouse) for details.

**Mennonite Collegiate Institute** – [info@mciblues.net](mailto:info@mciblues.net) 327-5891

**Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba** – [Manitoba@mccmb.ca](mailto:Manitoba@mccmb.ca)

### **From the Pastor – Amanda Wiens**

I can't tell you how many times I've said something like, "when I have the time I would really like to   (blank)  ". Although these last few week have not been the "free time" I was hoping for, I have been given the gift of more time at home and it's up to me to figure out how I use these moments. I now enjoy waking to the birds chirping outside my bedroom window rather than the buzz of my alarm. I have time to call a friend just to catch up. We used to talk about playing a family board games, now playing games has become a nightly event and a highlight for all 6 of us! I'm in the process of reading book #3, just for fun. The kids and I have enjoyed baking together and I've finally gotten around to sorting and organizing all the toys in the basement. Julia has set up a spa in her bedroom complete with massage, pedicure, makeup and hair services, so I've even had an opportunity or two to enjoy some spa time. Don't get me wrong, there are times when I would like for things to go back to the way they were, but I try and remind myself that when life gives you lemons the best thing you can do is make some lemonade. May each of you enjoy some lemonade as you make the best of this gift of time.

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