

Welcome to Hively Avenue Mennonite Church

For guests and attenders

- There is an opportunity for introductions of guests early in the worship service.
- Please sign the attendance registry during the offering time.
- Large print hymnals and bulletins and hearing devices are available.
- Ask an usher for assistance.

Fellowship time and Christian education

- Coffee and goodies are available from the kitchen window following the worship service.
- Christian education classes for all ages begin at 11:00 am
- Children meet in the educational wing of the church.

Caring for the children

- During the worship service, experienced staff provide care for children ages four years and younger in the lower level of the educational wing.
- During the children's time in the service, children are encouraged to come to the front of the sanctuary.
- Snacks are provided for children in the educational wing between the worship service and Christian education.

Our Vision: Because we worship and serve as disciples of Jesus Christ, we walk with our neighbors to build a diverse community that embodies God's hospitality, reconciliation, healing and hope.

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Palm Sunday



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Our Mission: To know and make known God's love
as we follow Jesus into the world.

April 14, 2019

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Worship: 9:30 am
Christian Education: 11 am

Focus statement: When our shouts of joy turn to derision and rejection, even in our anguish God's steadfast love endures forever. We are called to follow Jesus.

GATHERING

Prelude Crystal Underwood

Welcome, announcements and introductions

Call to worship (based on Psalms 63 and 118)

Leader: O God, you are our God. We seek you.

**People: Our souls thirst for you
as in a dry and weary land
where there is no water.**

Leader: We thank you for being our salvation,
for being our chief cornerstone.

**People: We bless you as we bind the festal procession with
branches, up to the horns of the altar!**

**ALL: O God, you satisfy our souls as with a rich feast.
In the shadow of your wings,
we sing for joy, and you uphold us.**

*Hymns *Open now thy gates of beauty* HWB 19
Halle, halle, hallelujah SJ 17

Lighting the Peace Candle Theo Odhiambo
God of Peace, Christ of Peace, Spirit of Peace, you are calling us to be peacemakers. Today we light this candle as a reminder of our calling.
Dios de paz. Cristo de paz. Espíritu de paz. Tú nos llamas para ser pacificadores.
Hoy encendemos esta candela para recordarnos de este llamado.

LISTENING

Children's time Larry Underwood

Hymn *Hosanna, loud hosanna* HWB 238

Scripture Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 19:35-40, Luke 23:20-23
Mark, Melody and Lara Claassen, Jake Hess

Homily **Just under a week. (How does allegiance shift?)**

Tim Stair

CONFESSING

Confession (Philippians 2:5-11)

"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

"Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Who will confess Jesus as Lord today? (Responder comes forward)

Prayer

Leader: We are all invited to confess Jesus as Lord.

Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer:

**All: Living God, give us the courage to confess your Son,
Jesus, as our Lord. When others vie for our loyalty,
we will confess Jesus as Lord.**

Leader: When earthly powers claim supremacy (*pause*),
we will confess Jesus as Lord.
When our souls hunger for reality and truth (*pause*),
we will confess Jesus as Lord.

**ALL: In the morning and in the evening,
we will confess Jesus as Lord.**

Leader: Our generous God provides for us.

*Hymn *All this pain (Beautiful things)* Hymnal pocket

RESPONDING

Responding in testimony and sharing Tim Stair

What spoke to you this morning? What joys and concerns would you share? (Please be brief and focused.)

Prayer

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