

## 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.

### Pastors

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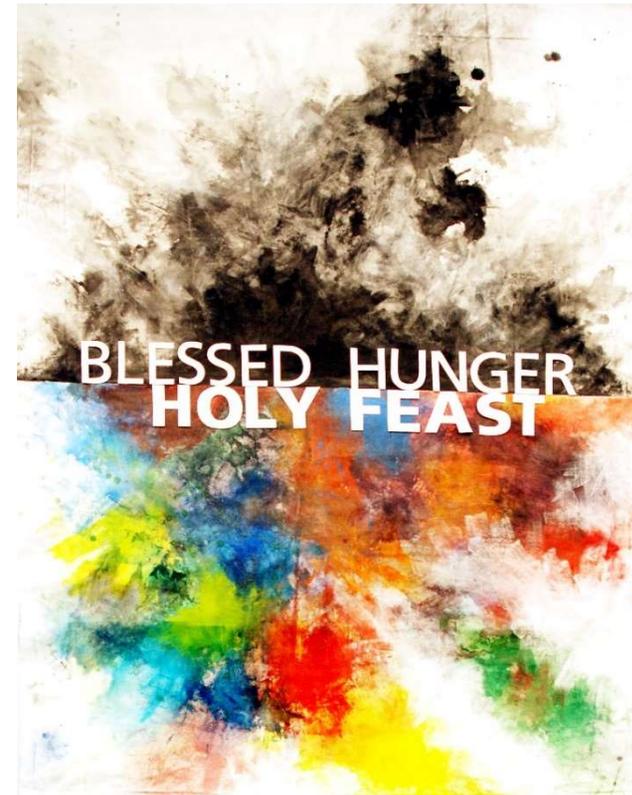
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## Fifth Sunday of Lent



## Hively Avenue Mennonite Church

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

April 7, 2019



[www.hivelymennonite.org](http://www.hivelymennonite.org)  
800 E Hively Avenue  
Elkhart, IN 46517

April 7, 2019  
Worship: 9:30 am  
Christian Education: 11 am

Focus statement: When we are exhausted, God makes a way through mighty waters. We move forward in hope as God does a new thing.

## GATHERING

Prelude Beth Suderman

Welcome, announcements and introductions

Call to worship (based on Psalms 63 and 126)

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: The Lord does great things for us and we rejoice!

**People: The Lord restores our fortunes, and we shout for joy.**

**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 *Cantai ao Senhor* SJ 12

Lighting the Peace Candle Tyler Klassen  
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.

Hymn *Dust and ashes* Hymnal pocket

## LISTENING

Children's time Beth Suderman

Scripture Philippians 3:7-14, John 12:1-8 Fernando Rosales

Homily **Honoring Jesus** Esther Muhagachi

## CONFESSING

Confession (Isaiah 43:16-21)

"Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise."

Who will see the new work of God? (Responder comes forward)

Prayer

Leader: We are all invited to see the new work of God.

Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer:

**All: God of hope, give us eyes to see the new  
work you are doing among us.  
When we struggle to discern what  
lies ahead, we will see the new work of God.**

Leader: When our circumstances appear to hold no hope (pause),  
we will see the new work of God.

When our souls hunger for your presence (pause),  
we will see the new work of God.

**ALL: In the morning and in the evening,  
we will see the new work of God.**

Leader: Our generous God provides for us.

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

## RESPONDING

Responding in testimony and sharing Greg Suderman

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

Prayer

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**All are invited for lunch:** Today our monthly community meal features rice and beans in support of Grace and Healing Ministry, which cares for children with HIV in the area of Esther Muhagachi's church in Tanzania. Please enjoy the lunch and contribute what you have been saving as you work at simplifying something in your life this season. Contributions for Rice and Beans Month go to LAHASH (lahash.org).

**Thursday is the youth group fundraiser at Panera.** You'll find in your mailbox the flier that you must present when you order between 4 and 8 pm. Won't it be fun to enjoy a dinner out with lots of friends? There's a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board; choose 5, 6 or 7 pm, or just come when it's convenient for you! This could even be a special time for small groups. (Don't forget to order dessert; youth receive 20% of what you spend!) You can order online to save time, but you need to use the code "PRFUND" for the youth to get credit.

**Movie night at Hively:** "The Radicals" movie will be shown on Saturday, April 13, at 6:30 pm, as a fundraiser for Hively youth. There is no charge, but we invite everyone to give generously for hot dogs and snacks to help the youth attend the MC USA youth convention this summer. "The Radicals" is a true story based on the lives of Michael and Margaretha Sattler, early leaders in the Mennonite movement.

If you have a popcorn popper that you can loan to the youth for that evening, please call Trish Habegger, 596-1921.

**The 9th annual Palm Sunday Peace event** in Elkhart will be a prayer walk in the spirit of repentance, seeking God's grace, guidance and empowerment for healing and restoration of creation. Prayer and connection with each other and nature are vital among the many ways we are called to creatively respond to spiraling destruction of the earth.

All are welcome to gather on Sunday, April 14, at Studebaker Park (1020 McDonald St, Elkhart) at 2:30 pm and walk along the Elkhart River Greenway path to an amphitheater next to the Elkhart Environmental Center. There we will gather around 3:30 pm for some reflections, sharing and prayer. Those who do not wish to walk can join at the Environmental Center. Transportation will be available for those needing a lift back to their vehicles. Bring your own water bottle for hydration! *Sponsored by Elkhart Advocates for Peace & Justice*

**Sorting Out Race:** MCC Great Lakes is hosting a traveling exhibit called "Sorting Out Race: Examining Racial Identity and Stereotypes in Thrift Store Donations" at The Depot MCC Thrift Shop in Goshen during April. The public is invited during regular business hours, Monday-Friday, 9-5, and Saturday, 9-4. In addition, the display will be open special hours on Sundays, April 7 and 14, from 1-5 pm, and on Wednesdays, April 17 and 24 for evening visits for youth groups. You can learn more at [sortingoutrace.com](http://sortingoutrace.com). For information, contact the Great Lakes MCC office at 574-534-4133 or [GreatLakes@mcc.org](mailto:GreatLakes@mcc.org).

**Sew-a-thon for Comforter Bash:** Prairie Street Mennonite Church invites people to help piece comforter tops for this fall's Comforter Bash, April 11, 12 and 13, 9 am to 4 pm. Come for all or part of a day or two; no reservations needed. Contact Carol Honderich for information: 574-536-9062, [carol@honderich.com](mailto:carol@honderich.com)

### Plans for Holy Week and Easter

**Maunder Thursday service,** Thursday, April 18, 6 pm. The service includes a light meal with communion and opportunity for foot- or hand-washing. People with last names beginning with A-J bring fruit ready to serve; people with last names beginning with K-Z bring sandwiches to share.

**Good Friday service,** April 19, 7 pm at Church Without Walls. This is a joint service of all Elkhart Mennonite churches.

**Easter, Sunday, April 21**

Early service: 7:30 am. Hillary Harder will lead this service.

Breakfast: around 8 am. Main dishes will be provided; people with last names beginning with A-J bring breads; people with last names beginning with K-Z bring fruit ready to serve.

Worship service: 9:30 am. Jake Hess will preach.

Christian education hour: Children will have a shortened session. Youth will hide Easter eggs that the younger children will hunt for at the end of the morning.

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**Assisting in our worship today**

Worship leader Greg Suderman  
 Pianist Beth Suderman  
 Song leader SaeJin Lee  
 Worship visuals SaeJin Lee, Elaine Frey, Annie Mohr (banner)  
 Mary Klassen (table)  
 Ushers Leroy Saner, Winifred Saner  
 Febri Kristiani, Nick Gehman  
 Childcare Sueann VonGunten, William Odhiambo  
 Sound system Marc Roth

**Snacks**

**Birthdays this week**

Jorge Vielman (10) Carol Kotva (12)  
 Peace Muhagachi (14)

**Next Sunday**

Tim Stair, preacher  
 Hillary Harder, worship leader

**Attendance, March 31** 72, including 4 guests

**Calendar for the week**

Tues, April 9, 5:30 pm Stewardship Commission  
 Tues, April 9, 5:45 pm Christian Education Commission  
 Wed, April 10, 6 pm Prayer choir  
 Wed, April 10, 7 pm Leadership Council  
 Thurs, April 11, 6 pm Rios de Agua Viva  
 Sat, April 13, 7-9 am Rios de Agua Viva  
 Sat, April 13, 6:30 pm "The Radicals" movie night

**Upcoming calendar items**

**Spaghetti and Scripture**, April 14 and 28  
**Prayer Choir**: April 24  
**Maundy Thursday service**, April 18, 6 pm  
**Good Friday service**, April 19, 7 pm, at Church Without Walls  
**Easter**, April 21  
 Early service, 7:30 am  
 Breakfast, 8:15 am  
 Worship service, 9:30 am; Sunday School, 11 am

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Order of service (continued)

Offering

(Please sign the attendance register at the end of the row)

\*Hymn *Jesus, be the center* SS 31

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

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\*Please stand if you are able for items marked with an asterisk.

Children in grades K through 5 are invited to the playground at the back of the sanctuary for quiet activities after the children's time.

Please return your hymnal(s) to a cart in the hallway.

Christian Education

Adults will reflect on the homily and worship service with discussion guided by Norm Cender.

Youth and children will meet in their classes as usual.