

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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Hively Avenue Mennonite Church

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

March 22, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Lent



www.hivelymennonite.org
800 E Hively Avenue
Elkhart, IN 46517

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Welcome, announcements

Call to worship

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd!

People: We have everything we need.

Leader: The Lord leads us beside peaceful waters and right paths, comforting us through the valleys of despair, and preparing for us a rich feast.

People: We have more than we need.

Leader: The Lord anoints us for healing, strengthening, gifting and blessing.

People: Our cups overflow with goodness and mercy.

All: We all live in the house of the Lord forever!

Prayer

Lighting the Peace Candle

Mary 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.

*Special music

Calm me, Lord

SS 45

Chris Habegger, Trish Habegger, Beth Suderman, Mary Klassen

Confession

Leader: All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned to our own way.

We have wandered in restlessness and busyness,
far from your pastures and water.

Our souls are troubled.

People: Gather us, Lord.

Leader: We have preferred our own paths
and put our own names first.

People: Lead us, Lord.

Leader: We fear evil and death around us and within us.

People: Comfort us, Lord.

Leader: All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned to our own way.
And the Lord has laid on Christ the sins of us all.

People: Forgive us, Lord.

(silence)

Words of assurance

Leader: Surely God's goodness and mercy follow us
all the days of our lives,
and we are invited into the house of God's presence,
this day, and forever.

**All: The Lord is our Shepherd.
We shall not want!**

Scripture John 9:1-11

Tyler Klassen, Beth Suderman

Hymn *Abre mis ojos/Open my eyes*

SS 65

Homily **Show us, Jesus, our blindness:
From dirt and divine breath—sight!**

Jake Hess

RESPONDING

Music interlude *Abre mis ojos*

Guided meditation

Jake Hess

Responding in testimony and sharing

Tim Stair/Jake Hess

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

Prayer

*Hymn *How firm a foundation*

HWB 567

*Benediction

*Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayground: Activity sheets related to this week's Scripture text will be sent along with the message on Sunday that has a link to the recording of the service.

Spaghetti and Scripture continues: Youth are invited to Jake and Elya Hess's home this evening at 5:30.

Offering: Please remember that most of Hively's expenses continue and the ministries we support are all called on for extraordinary service during this time. Send your contributions by mail (Hively Avenue Mennonite Church, 800 E. Hively Ave., Elkhart, IN 46517) or drop them off at the church office on a weekday morning.

Future worship services: The pastors, Leadership Council and Worship Commission are planning to continue the pattern of no gathered worship services through March and April and into May. Mary Klassen will send out a message each Sunday with a link to the recording and the bulletin as an attachment.

Sharing of joys and concerns: Please send messages with your joys and concerns to the church office and indicate whether this can be shared in the recording of the service (in a password-protected part of the website) and by email.

Prayer choir at home: Every Wednesday, Tim Stair will send out a prayer sheet for anyone who wants to join "Prayer Choir at Home." You can join by simply setting aside 45-60 minutes on Wednesday evenings. Use that time as a way of joining with others at the same time. When we meet in person we usually begin at 6 p.m. But if that time on Wednesday doesn't work, just use another time. Prayer, at any time, will strengthen you and all of us together.

Pastoral evaluation: The pastoral evaluation that was scheduled for the Sunday School hour today, with an alternative session on Wednesday evening, will be rescheduled.

March 22, 2020

Assisting in our worship today

Worship leader	Mary Klassen
Musicians	Beth Suderman, Trish Habegger, Chris Habegger, Mary Klassen
Sound system	Fabian Rosales

Birthdays this week

Lucille Gering (25)
Andres Nogales (27)

Christian Education: Because all Sunday classes are cancelled for a number of weeks, we are working to send the materials for the early childhood, primary and junior high classes by mail. Adults may continue the study of the Prophets on their own or in small groups; however, we expect that study to resume when we are again able to gather at the church.

The cover image:

"Cathedrals usually stand as enduring monuments to human skill and inventiveness, and magnificent pointers to the presence of God among us. Their websites will tell you how they are the oldest, the largest, the tallest or the most significant of their kind. ChristChurch (New Zealand) Cathedral is slightly different. The original Cathedral was badly damaged in the Christchurch earthquake in February 2011. We are now putting the finishing touches to our new temporary home, the Transitional Cathedral in Latimer Square, Christchurch. It will be the world's only cathedral made substantially of cardboard." from <http://cardboardcathedral.org.nz/>, Very Revd Lynda Patterson, Dean of Christchurch. ---- Shigeru Ban, the architect of the "Cardboard Cathedral," is the recipient of the 2014 Pritzker Prize in Architecture.