

# 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

Jake Hess 970-215-4547, [jhess@hivelymennonite.org](mailto:jhess@hivelymennonite.org)

Tim Stair 574-320-6265, [tstair@hivelymennonite.org](mailto:tstair@hivelymennonite.org)

Administrative secretary: Mary Klassen [office@hivelymennonite.org](mailto:office@hivelymennonite.org)

Office hours Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-noon

Office telephone 574-294-3423

Cover: Le Breton, Jacques ; Gaudin, Jean. The Prodigal Son, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.  
<http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=51561> [retrieved March 27, 2019]. Original source: Collection of Anne Richardson Womack.



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

## Fourth Sunday of Lent



## Hively Avenue Mennonite Church

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

March 31, 2019

March 31, 2019  
Worship: 9:30 am  
Christian Education: 11 am

Focus statement: When we are lost and far from God, God reaches out with open arms. We get up and enter the feast of reconciliation.

## GATHERING

Prelude Beth Suderman

Welcome, announcements and introductions

Call to worship (based on Psalms 63 and 32)

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 confess our sin to you, and you forgive us.

**People: We offer our prayers to you, and you embrace us.**

**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 *I come with joy to meet my Lord* HWB 459  
*Create in me a clean heart* SS 62

Lighting the Peace Candle Deb Krawiec  
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 Jan Stair

Hymn *Slowly turning, ever turning* SJ 23

Scripture 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32  
Susan Opanga, Rose George, Hillary Harder

Homily **Nothing is lost: Stories of grace** Tim Stair

\*Hymn *Nothing is lost on the breath of God* SS 121

## CONFESSING

Confession (Psalm 32:10-11)

"Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart."

Who will trust in the Lord today? (Responders come forward)

Prayer

Leader: We are all invited to trust in the Lord today.  
Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer:

**All: God of steadfast love, we put our trust in your  
care for us.**

**When we need to find our way home,  
we put our trust in you.**

Leader: When we need forgiveness (pause),  
we put our trust in you.  
When our souls hunger for a new way of living (pause),  
we put our trust in you.

**All: In the morning and in the evening,  
we will put our trust in you.**

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

(Continued on insert)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Rice and Beans for next Sunday's lunch:** Our potluck the first Sunday in April will instead offer Rice and Beans (along with some vegetables and fruit) in order to raise funds for LAHASH and to be in solidarity with the Health & Healing Ministry of Esther Muhagachi's church in Tanzania. Some people will be specifically invited to bring vegetables and fruit. Next Sunday, bring what you have saved so far or a contribution for Rice and Beans month; there will be one more opportunity in late April to contribute to LAHASH.

**Mennonite Women:** An afternoon service project for anyone interested is planned for Wednesday, April 3. Plans are to meet at the church at noon, then proceed to Panera Bread for lunch before going to the MCC Resource Center at the Goshen Depot. We will spend two hours there working on one of the MCC projects.

**Thank-you message and photos from Ricki Johnson:** A message and photos from Ricki are posted on the bulletin board. Here's an excerpt: "I've cried tears of joy and peace has filled my heart the moment I received my gifts. What a surprise! Thank you thank you thank you for prayers, for love, and for thinking of me. God has truly blessed me with a church family that is so wonderful in ways I can't explain."

**Youth fundraising night at Panera on Thursday, April 11.** Eat a meal or make a purchase at Panera Bread between 4 and 8 pm that evening, and the youth will earn 20% of what is spent by those who turn in a Panera flyer. You can even order online, but don't forget to add the promo code: "PRFUND." Flyers are available from any youth or from Trish Habegger. Share these with your friends, too!

**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 specific charge, but we are invited to give generously for hot dogs and movie 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. In 1525, "to a world of fear, Anabaptists introduced freedom.... a crime punished by death." Join us for this special event!

**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).

Much of the exhibit was researched and organized by Rachel Pannabecker, who is David Hagegger's daughter, Chris's sister and a former Hively member. The exhibit received the 2018 American Association of State and Local History Leadership in History Award.

**MCC responds to disaster caused by Cyclone Idai** in Mozambique and Malawi: On March 15, Cyclone Idai destroyed 90 percent of Beira, one of Mozambique's largest cities, and affected nearly three million people in its path with widespread flooding up to 20 feet high. Bridges, roads, fields, farms and millions of homes were violently washed away. It was one of the worst tropical cyclones ever to hit the southern hemisphere. Your gift will help MCC and our partners provide emergency assistance to those in dire need. You can donate online at [mcc.org/cyclone-idai](http://mcc.org/cyclone-idai). Donations can also be made by calling 1-888-563-4676 or by contacting your local MCC office.

**Celebrate 20 years of the Center for Healing & Hope** and help support its future. Buy tickets now for Fiesta Feast on Saturday, April 13, 5-7 pm., at College Mennonite Church, Goshen. Enjoy a delicious Mexican meal, a special 20th anniversary program, a live fundraising auction, door prizes and opportunities to add your support to making our community stronger for all of us. Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$10 for youth; children 0-5 eat free. Purchase tickets and make an additional donation at [www.CHHclinics.org](http://www.CHHclinics.org) or call 574-534-4744.

**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. Work is available for any willing hands—ironing fabric, cutting, designing tops and sewing. 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)

March 31, 2019

**Assisting in our worship today**

Worship leader Hillary Harder  
Pianist Beth Suderman  
Song leader Chris Habegger  
Worship visuals SaeJin Lee, Elaine Frey, Annie Mohr (banner)  
Mary Klassen (table)  
Ushers Greg Suderman, Carol Kotva  
Fabian Rosales, Hillary Harder  
Childcare Louise Claassen, Amanda Krawiec  
Sound system Mary Klassen

**Snacks** Amanda and Marlyn Fast

**Birthdays this week**

Kate Hartman (1) Ellene Miller (1)  
Linsey Vandrick (2) Neveah Wilson (3)  
JoAnn Gundy (6)

**Next Sunday** Esther Muhagachi, preacher  
Greg Suderman, worship leader  
Rice and beans lunch

**Attendance, March 24** 64, including 3 guests

**Calendar for the week**

Wed, April 3, noon Mennonite Women lunch and project  
Thurs, April 4, 10 am Deacons Council  
Thurs, April 4, 6 pm Rios de Agua Viva  
Sat, April 6, 7-9 am Rios de Agua Viva

**Upcoming calendar items**

**Spaghetti and Scripture**, April 14 and 28  
**Prayer Choir**: April 10, 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

March 31, 2019  
Order of service (continued)

Offering

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

\*Hymn *Sizohamba naye* SJ 78

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

\*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 conclude the conversation about *When helping hurts*. Following this, the group will have time to reflect on the homily and worship service, guided by Norm Cender.

Youth and children will meet in their classes as usual.