

# God's People Gather to Worship

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!" Matthew 21:9

## For our guests

- The guestbook and name tags are at the Welcome Table, as well as a small gift for our first-time visitors.
- There is opportunity for introduction of guests during the pre-service time.
- Large print hymnals and hearing devices are available. Ask a greeter or any one of the ushers.

**Caring for our children** – Professionally-staffed child care is offered beginning at 9:20 am.

- **Toddler Nursery** for newborns through age 2, including a nursing nook, and crib room.
- **Preschool Nursery** for ages 3-5 (Pre-K), in Room 11.
- **Children's Time** during worship. Children are invited to come to the platform.

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## Following Worship

- **Christian Education** for adults begins at 11:00 am. See the classes listed below.

<b>Christian Education</b>	
<b>Children</b>	
10:45 am	
Gather 'Round (ages 3-1st)	Room 11
<i><b>SHINE Curriculum</b></i>	
Nursery	Nursery
3 & 4 year olds	Rooms 13 & 14
Grades K-1	Room 11
Grades 2 & 3	Room 12
Grades 4 & 5	Room 9
Grades 6-8	Room 8
<b>Adults &amp; Teens</b>	
<b>The New Jim Crow</b> David Harnish & Amy Reiman, Leaders, Sanctuary	
<b>Adult Bible Study</b> Judy Hershberger, Leader Conference Room	
<b>High School Study</b> David Warfel Leader, Rooms 5 & 7	

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Get connected! For more information on any of the following ministries, contact the office.	
* Junior & Youth Choirs	* Area Clusters
* Junior High Fellowship	* Mennonite Women
* Senior High Fellowship	* Book Studies
* Young Families	* Homebuilders
* Women's Bible Studies	* Seniors Events
* Next Man's Bible Study	* Parish Nurse

# Order of Worship April 9, 2017

## Lent 6 We Hope

*Our human culture values status, power, wealth and success. God turns things upside-down by becoming one of us, taking the role of a servant. In hope, we shout praise that God can deliver us, even while we ask, "Who is this?"*

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Prelude	<i>Hosanna to the Son</i>	Junior Choir
Call to Worship		David Warfel
*Hymns		Wayne Hochstetler
	<i>All Glory, Laud and Honor</i>	HWB 237
	<i>My Hope is Built</i>	HWB 343
*Prayer		
Children's Time		Pastor Jane Roeschley
Offering		
Worship Music	<i>A Joyful Hosanna</i>	Adult Choir
Confession and Words of Assurance		Screen and Back of Bulletin
Congregational Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>Hosanna, Loud Hosanna</i>	HWB 238
Scripture	Matthew 21: 1-11	Lenten Drama Group
Sermon	<i>The Plot is Always Thick</i>	
*Hymn	<i>Go to Dark Gethsemane</i>	HWB 240
*Benediction		
*Postlude	<i>The Weeping Tree</i>	Adult Choir
Dismissal		

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

*Parents/Caregivers, please note that Children's CE dismisses at 11:45.*

*Please remember to silence your cell phone.*

## Weekly Calendar

Today	Pre-Service Prayer	9:00 am
	Worship	9:30 am
	CE for Children	10:45 am
	CE for Adults	11:00 am
	Junior High Youth	5:00 pm
	Senior High Youth	5:00 pm
	Junior Choir	6:00 pm
	Youth Choir	6:45 pm
	Adult Choir	7:30 pm
Mon Apr 10	Mennonite Women	9:30 am
Tue Apr 11	Staff Meeting	10:30 am
	Wellness Committee	5:30 pm
	Lenten Drama Group	6:30 pm
	Church Board	6:30 pm
Wed Apr 12	Peace & Justice Com	5:00 pm
	Pastoral Council	6:30 pm
Thur Apr 13	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
	IMC Pastor Peer	9:00 am
	Outreach Committee	5:00 pm
	Maundy Thursday Worship	7:00 pm
Fri Apr 14	Good Friday Prayer Walk	5:00 pm

**Lenten Drama Group** Participants today are Joe Culpepper, Bess Desch, Wilma Dyck, Wayne & Lois Hochstetler, Deborah and Jordan Spacek, Abby and Joe Warfel.

**Holy (Maundy) Thursday Service - Thursday, April 13, 7 pm** This service includes scriptures, prayer, quiet music, Communion and the voluntary opportunity to practice foot washing, an ancient Anabaptist tradition that helps us remember to serve one another as Jesus served.

**Good Friday** Good Friday Prayer Walk 5 pm, We will begin at White Oak Park We will make the Walk together in prayerful silence, with a number of stops along the way for reflection on the life of Christ and for prayer for the community. The Walk will take about an hour and be 1 mile to Crosswind Community Church (at Union and Roosevelt).

**Easter Breakfast** Serving from 8:00 - 8:45 .m. Everyone is invited on Easter Sunday morning to come to the church for an Easter Breakfast. If you want to volunteer to bring food, use signupgenius or call Leanne Schertz.

**Church Membership** Persons interested in exploring church membership at MCN should contact Pastor Schrag. Orientation classes will be scheduled in May or June, depending on interest and schedules.

### Confession and Words of Assurance

*Leader: Jesus, our Lord, you came to us humbly—riding on a donkey. In peace, you showed us the way of your Kingdom. Lord, we confess that our vision of the Kingdom is not pure. It is stained with our own selfish desires.*

**People: We shout hosannas to praise you only out of our need to survive. We lay down our cloaks and palms to adore you - only to strip your garment away and humiliate you.**

*Leader: Forgive us, O Lord, when our mouths that seek to praise you often deny and defy you.*

**People: Renew in us an obedient spirit, that we may fully accept and follow your will.**

(Pause for silent confession)

*Leader: God, our True Hope,*

**All: Restore us.**

*Leader: Our times are in your hand, O God. Let your face shine upon your servants who pursue your will, and save us in your unfailing love.*

#### MCN Spending Plan Status

Thank you for your offerings.  
 Year-to-date Income \$103,429  
 Year-to-date Expenses \$128,431  
 February Income \$37,344  
 February Expenses \$44,233  
 Attendance on April 2 was 217.



# Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of Mennonite Church USA

**April 9, 2017**

**Restore Us, O God  
 Lent 6  
 We Hope**

