

**11:55 a.m.**

Dirige: Maxi Ambriz

Esta congregación está basada y segura en Jesucristo y la guía del Espíritu Santo. Gócese con Dios en este ambiente familiar. This congregation is based securely in Jesus Christ, and guided by the Holy Spirit. May you enjoy this family of God.

"Toda tu vida es un proceso de cambios. ¿Entonces. Por qué temer a los cambios? / Your whole life is a process of change, so why fear change?"  
J .V. Montes

Lectura Biblica  
 Gen 3:15; Juan 12:11-25

**Tiempo De Preparación / Preparation Time**

Oración de Apertura / Opening Prayer  
 Bienvenida / Welcome

Coordinadora  
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**Alabemos y Adoremos Juntos**

Lider de Alabanza / Praise  
 Celebración / Alabanza / Adoración  
 Celebration / Praise / Adoration  
 Diezmos & Ofrendas / Tithes & Offerings  
 Malaquías/Malachi 3:9-11

Worship Team  
 Grupo de Alabanza  
 Worship Team  
 Coordinadora

**Oigamos la Palabra de Dios / Let us Listen to God's Word**

Sermon J. V. Montes

*Profecía De La Entrada Triunfal de Jesús*  
*Prophecy Of The Triumphal Entry Of Jesus*

Anuncios y Despedida

**Hoy:**

6:00 p.m. Soccer en el Sport Park / Soccer in the Sports Park

**Reserve Estas Fechas Para Marzo / March 2018**

Marzo 25. Después del servicio reunión de Damas-Señoritas y caballeros-Jóvenes

Marzo 28, 7:00 p.m. 1- Oración. 2- Alabanza - 3-También Kid's Club (traigan sus hijos a esta reunión.

Marzo 29, 6:00 p.m. Práctica Worship Team para los Domingos.

6:00- 6:27 p.m. Prayer and Bible Meditation.

6:30-8:00 p.m. Practice of the Worship Group.

Marzo 29, 7:00 p.m. Jueves Santo / Maundy Thursday el salón social.

Marzo 30, 7:00 p.m. Viernes Santo "Luz En La Oscuridad." Santa Cena.

Abril 1, 5:00-6:30 a.m. Servicio de Oración Memorias De La Resurrección.

8:30-10:30 a.m. Desayuno de compañerismo y celebración.

10:30-12:15pm Servicio De Alabanza y Adoración. (Todo será en el Salón Social)

Todos los domingos 5:00-6:00 a.m. Reunión de oración en la iglesia de 5:00-6:00 a.m. (Ven te esperamos usted es bienvenido (a))

**Atención:** Todos Los Jueves de 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Su Programa "Aroma De Café", 1210 AM / Listen every Thursday from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. "Coffee Aroma" Radio Program on 1210 AM

**EVENTS OF THE WEEK**

**Palm Sunday, March / Marzo 25**

- 5:00 a.m. Prayer Time in the Sanctuary
- 8:45 a.m. Prayer Time in the Infant Nursery
- 9:30 a.m. English Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. Curso Cuidado Pastoral
- 10:45 a.m. Tiempo de Compañerismo Cristiano
- 11:00 a.m. Christian Education Hour
- 11:00 a.m. Reenfoque Espiritual - Sucesos De La Vida (AFC)
- 11:55 a.m. Servicio Alabanza y Adoración / Worship Services

**Monday, March / Marzo 26**

- 6:00 p.m. Practica Alabanza Para Los Miercoles

**Tuesday, March / Marzo 27**

- 9:30 a.m. Needles & Notions in Room 2

**Wednesday, March / Marzo 28**

- 7:00 p.m. Oración y Estudio Bíblico para Adultos
- 7:00 p.m. Kids Club
- 7:00 p.m. MYF
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

**Maundy Thursday, March / Marzo 29**

- 6:00 p.m. Práctica Worship Team para los Domingos
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

**Good Friday, March / Marzo 30**

- 6:30 p.m. Peace Center in FH
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting in the Library
- 7:00 p.m. Viernes Santo "Luz En La Oscuridad." Santa Cena / Good Friday Service in Rooms 5 & 6

**Easter Sunday, April / Abril 1**

- 5:00 a.m. Servicio de Oración Memorias De La Resurrección FH
- 8:30 a.m. Desayuno de Compañerismo y Celebración / Fellowship and Celebration Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. English Worship Service
- 10:30 a.m. Servicio De Alabanza y Adoración en el Salón Social
- 11:00 a.m. Christian Education Hour



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**Primera Iglesia Menonita**

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*March / Marzo 25, 2018*

*Emphasizing Christ-centered community and the Jesus way of service and peacemaking.*

**9:30 a.m.**

*Your Will Be Done*

### **Me & You & the Alternate View – Palm Sunday**

#### **Gathering for Worship**

Gathering Music David Boldt

*Three arrangements of "All Glory Laud and Honor"*  
(Gaskell, Diemel, and Guilmant)

Call to Worship

*Leader: Come, people of God, this is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day Jesus enters Jerusalem.*

**People:** Open the gates of righteousness so that we can enter and give thanks to the Lord.

*Leader: The gates are open, come on in. Give thanks, for God is good!*

Words of Welcome and Prayer Ruth Buxman

Hymn of Praise WH 239  
*Ride on, Ride on in Majesty*

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings  
*Blessed Jesus at Your Word* (Bach)

#### **Confession**

Words of Confession

*All: Jesus, Messiah. The crowds around you can be thrilling, or frightening.*

*One moment they are clay in your hands, ready to be shaped.*

*The next they are squeezing you, like putty in a clenched fist, demanding that you conform.*

*Is that what we do?*

*When we count the cost of your words for us, it hurts.*

*We get it, why the masses turned and your disciples faded away.*

*Do you?*

*The time is ripe for change, then and now. Why can't you lead that change in a way we understand?*

*How is it that you define success so differently? It scares us to question you.*

*It's worse if we don't.*

*Forgive us for holding in questions so long that we can't bear the answers.*

*Forgive us for fearing the crowds, and the consequences.*

*Open our eyes and hearts to receive your teaching.*

*Show us again this new way of living. Help us to love like you.*

Responding in Faith and Hope

*Leader: As a way of remembering that first Palm Sunday, of long ago, when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey, we lay these scarves, these blankets, these coats....we lay them down in a spirit of remembrance and commitment.*

Words of Assurance

*Leader: Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe in me."*

Sharing Time

Morning Prayer

Stephen Penner

Choral Anthem

*Hosanna to the Son of David* (Gibbons)

Church Choir

#### **Between Me & You**

Children and Adults Together

Barbara Ewy

#### **Listening for God's Word**

Scripture Readings

*Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 and John 12:12-16*

Choral Anthem

*At the Cry of the First Bird* (Mochnick)

Church Choir

Meditation

*A Palm Sunday Surprise*

Stephen Penner

Responding in Song

*Jesus is Coming*

Insert

#### **Sending**

Benediction

Blessing Song

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

WH 238

Postlude

*Finale* (Guilmant)

**Welcome** We are glad you are here. We want you to know that no matter who you are, or what your experiences in life have been, you are welcome here at our church. We welcome your participation and your questions. We desire to walk with you on this earthly journey. If you have particular matters for prayer, or would appreciate a visit, please contact one of our pastors or deacons. Their contact information is on the back of this bulletin.

**Holy Week Activities** Today is Palm Sunday, and now we enter into Holy Week, leading up to Easter Sunday, next Sunday, April 1. There are a number of activities at our church to which we call your attention.

**Maundy Thursday**

Our traditional Maundy Thursday service will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. This will be a somber, quiet service of reflection and remembrance, as we share at the Lord's Table, and recall through scripture Jesus' passion.

**Good Friday**

A special Good Friday service will be held in rooms 5 and 6, at 7:00 p.m. This too will be a service where we share the Lord's Supper as we remember Jesus' death on the cross.

**Good Friday/Peace Center**

The normal Friday evening Peace Center will take place in the Fellowship Hall with a potluck meal at 6:30 p.m. followed by a program. This is a special program as via Skype Matt Krause, Jim and RuthAnne's son, will visit with us from Turkey

**Easter Sunday**

On Easter Sunday, from 5:00-6:30 a.m., our late service is giving leadership to an Easter Sunrise service to be held in the parking lot outside the kitchen. Then, from 8:30 to 10:30 breakfast will be served in the Fellowship Hall to all who wish to share in a celebratory Easter morning breakfast.

At 9:30 a.m. a joyful Easter Sunday worship service will break forth in the church sanctuary. Our church choir will be singing and Stephen Penner will bring the morning meditation.

Our normal 12 o'clock noon late service will take place on Easter Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Pastoral Absence** Pastor Juan Montes will leave Monday to visit family in southern California. He will return on Friday.

**Nursery** The staffed, early childhood nursery is in Room 3 of the Education Wing. The un-staffed infant nursery is in the back of the sanctuary. Volunteers in the nursery are: Today - Debra Lyons; April 1 - Melinda Hasegawa; April 8 - Barbara Ewy.

**Church Archivist** For many year Corinna Ruth was our faithful archivist, taking care of our historical records. Christy Zimmerman has been doing it for the past two years. We are looking for someone who will take on this ministry. If you are interested in this appointed position, please contact our Moderator, Erasmo Quintanilla or the church office.

**Our "Safe Church" Commitment and Emergency Housing** As part of our "safe church" commitment we committed ourselves to making a list of a few people in our church willing to offer their home as an emergency, short-term housing option for someone possibly facing deportation, or some other immigration related concern. If you would like your name to be on the list, please talk to either Pastor Steve or Pastor Juan.

**West Coast Mennonite Relief Sale** is coming soon! Mark your calendars for April 6 & 7. Start filling those My Coins Counts bottles and jars with your spare change. The Children's Auction needs new or lightly used toys, games or books to sell. Items can be brought to Ro Linscheid at Sierra View Homes or contact Ro at 393-6913.

There is a new opportunity this year to partner with the sale. You can sponsor a food booth! Food booths are operated by volunteers, but your sponsorship can help defray the cost of materials. Food booth sponsors can be businesses, families, or churches. For a minimum donation of \$250, your name will be listed on a banner attached to one of the food booths. If you have a preference of which food booth to sponsor, just let us know! For more information, please contact Christine Wall at cwall759@gmail.com.

If you are between the ages of 8 and 80+ and could give 2 hours of your time filling one or more of the roles of measuring ingredients, mixing dough, pinching dough into zwiebacks, baking, bagging and selling them at the Relief Sale on April 6 or 7, please call, text, or email Pat Unruh at 978-5538 or pat.a.unruh@gmail.com. Most jobs require no prior training.

**Women & Money Seminar**, Wednesday, April 11, 2018; 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at FPU BC Lounge. Sponsored by Everence and Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary. A light supper will be provided. Come and join other women who want to live with financial integrity and make wise decisions with their money. We will learn together practical tools on how we can: Avoid living paycheck to paycheck; Invest for retirement; Understand Debt; Simplify Savings; Financial Planning for the Future. All are welcome! Any questions, contact Shalon Anderson at 559-453-2329 or contact Rhoda M Blough at 970-219-0900. Register at [www.eventbrite.com/e/women-and-money-practical-tools-for-living-with-financial-integrity-tickets](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/women-and-money-practical-tools-for-living-with-financial-integrity-tickets).

**The 2018 Church Directory** is completed and in your mailbox this morning. If you do not have a mailbox and would like one, please let Dee Patrick, in the church office, know. If you would like a directory and don't have a mailbox, please let Dee know.