





Hutterthal
**Mennonite
Church**

Christ-centered—Living, Relating, Serving

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EPIPHANY SUNDAY **January 12, 2014**

Prelude: HWB no. 220,

Worship the Lord in the Beauty

Silence

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

L: Come as fellow heirs of the living God!

P: Let us awake to the marvel that in Christ we are one.

L: O, the mystery of God's dwelling in our diversity!

P: Our hearts thrill and rejoice

ALL: as we open wide the house of the Lord!

Thematic Opening Hymn: HWB no. 233,

Joyful Is the Dark

Dramatic Reading

Confession & Resting in the Light of the Advent Wreath

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 60: 1-6 (Pew Bible p. 390)

Litany of the Advent Wreath

L: Lift up your eyes and look. There is no partiality in Christ. How might we let all people in on this mystery?

Silence

L: Let us confess our unwillingness to share Christ with those of other nations, tribes, races, families, social classes, and denominations.

Silent Confession

L: The Advent Wreath reminds us that our Light has come.

P: In this light, we celebrate forgiveness:

ALL: the glory of the Lord has risen upon us!

Children's Time:

Whoever You Are

Scripture Reading:

Silent Meditation

Sharing Time Pastoral Prayer

Hymn: HWB no. 218,

As with Gladness Men of Old

Message:

In Diversity

Response Action:

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: We gather before this table recognizing that Jesus did not come for *a* people, but for *all* people. We gather as one body and we acknowledge the mystery of God's dwelling among us as we partake of one loaf and share this common cup – signs for us of the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who was born into the poverty of a stable and was adored by the affluent magi bearing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and lowly shepherds who first proclaimed Him. It is this One – Immanuel – who now invites us to come and dine, to be filled with all the fullness of God, and to proclaim His Kingdom that the house of the Lord may be established forever and forever. Amen.

Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

L: On the night in which Jesus, the Light of the world, gave Himself for us, He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat this all of you. This is My body, which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

P: The bread which we break is a sharing in the Body of Christ – one body, broken for all, that we, in all our diversity, might be His body in the world.

L: And, on the same night, after the supper had ended, Jesus took the cup, blessed it, gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, drink from this all of you. This is the blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me."

P: The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ, which cleanses us from all unrighteousness and allows us to know the joy of relationship both with God and with one another.

L: So we can proclaim the mystery of God's dwelling in Christ:

ALL: That Christ has died, that Christ is risen, and that Christ will come again.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer

Time of Offering

Offertory Invitation

Sharing Our Gifts

Tis so sweet to trust Jesus

Offertory Prayer

Thematic Closing Hymn: Hymnal Insert,

Come! Walk in the Light

Benediction

L: The mystery has been made known!

P: **The good news of Jesus Christ is for all.**

ALL: There is light!

Musical Response

Postlude

Worship Participants: Norma Lee Hofer (organ), Amy Hofer Vetch (song leader), Todd Jones (worship leader, dramatic reading, & message), John Clem and Stan Hofer (dramatic reading), Monica Clem (dramatic reading & Communion server), Monica Hofer (reader: Isaiah 60: 1-6 & Communion Assistance), Jill Hofer (children's time), Rebecca Hofer (reader: Matthew 2: 1-12), & Todd Koerner (Communion server)

PRAYER CONCERNS/PRAISES

- **Mildred Hofer** (having surgery tomorrow)
- **Brandon & Kylea Waltner** (birth of their son, Ethan Joel, on Jan. 10)
- **Byron Thomas**
- **From CPMC:** Pray for the Annual Meeting Task Group meeting on Tuesday at Iowa Wesleyan College in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. And pray for Sermon on the Mount Mennonite in S.Falls as they celebrate today's installation of new pastor, Christopher Montgomer.
- **From MMN:** Pray for Mennonite Mission Network's Mike and Teresa Sherrill and their three children in Japan. Mike works as chaplain and associate professor of Christian Studies at a women's junior college. Teresa, co-pastor at West Tokyo Union Church, also ministers through hospitality and family ministries..

TODAY

Greeters: Larry & Brigitta Hofer

Nursery: Open

Coffee Time: Steve Mendel

MW Jan. project: Blankets, sheets or towels

Children's Sun. School project: Freeman Food Pantry

We respectfully request that the ***designated pews*** remain open for families with young children and those with physical needs. We also request that the ***crying room*** remain available for infants and nursing mothers.

A ***Handicap Accessible Bathroom*** is located in the basement.

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00am: Gathering 58.6 (**note this is a change in date**)

Greeters: Moses Glanzer & Steve Mendel

Nursery: Kim Jones

Piano: Paige Zachariasen

Worship Music: Melvin & Emma Hofer

Coffee Time: Eric & Michelle Neuharth

2:30pm: Worship @ Diamond Care Center (Bridgewater)

THIS WEEK

Monday: Prayer Shawl, 7pm

Wednesday: Soup & Fellowship, 6:30pm

Kid's Club, 7pm

Midweek Bible Study, 7pm

Thursday: Church Board, 7pm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 22: Soup & Fellowship, 6:30pm

Kid's Club, 7pm

Midweek Bible Study, 7pm

Jan. 28: Pastor-Peer, 9:15am (Sioux Falls)

Worship Committee, 6:30pm

Mission & Outreach Committee, 7:30pm

This morning we will celebrate **Communion**. At HMC, Communion is gladly shared with all who know Jesus as Savior and Lord and desire to walk with Him by faith. Please consider joining us for this special celebration. Also, please note that the Deacons will be receiving gifts for the **Benevolent Fund**, a fund established to assist members and friends of the congregation

who are experiencing financial distress. If you or someone you know is experiencing financial difficulty, please contact Monica Clem, Todd Koerner, or Monica Hofer who can assist you with benevolent fund requests. A basket will be placed in the foyer to receive monetary gifts to this fund.

Mid-week Kid's Club- looking for a couple of people to help teach at Kid's Club during midweek bible study starting January 8. Even just teaching a week or 2 is a great help! Contact Brandy Friesen 940-1493.

There is a box in the foyer for **recycling old yearbooks**. We would like to reuse the binding.

Checked out the church website yet?

Hutterthal has a great new website full of information ready for you to explore and utilize!

What can you find at hmcfreeman.org?

- Weekly bulletins available by 12pm each Saturday
- Monthly newsletters in full color
- Current calendar of events
- Faith statements from church leadership
- Listings of current Hutterthal ministries
- Overview of Hutterthal and Mennonite beliefs/faith
- Links to the Freeman community and beyond

PLUS...

- The website is smartphone friendly, so you can check in on the go
- It's a great resource for your witness to friends, family and coworkers.

SO GO AHEAD, bookmark it, add it to your favorites bar, send or post a link today. Hutterthal's web address: www.hmcfreeman.org

Attention ladies! We need someone to organize the MW program at Oakview Terrace on Fri., Jan. 31, 2:30 pm. Contact Barbie or Brigitta.

Freeman Academy's theater class invites you to their One Act performance "13 Ways to Screw Up Your College Interview" Saturday, January 18 at 5:30 pm in Pioneer Hall.

The Freeman Academy Auxiliary will be **making noodles** for the Schmeckfest Country Kitchen on Tuesday, **Jan. 21 and Jan. 28** at Pioneer Hall from 9:00 A.M.-3:30 P.M. Our snow date is Sat., Feb. 1.

Why settle for a job, when you can find your calling? MVS invites you to join a faith community where you can begin your career with meaningful work. Apply today at www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve.

Continue your **family devotions** into the new year with the options on our Faith at Home page at www.centralplainsmc.org. Go to Resources; Formation; Faith at Home.

Midweek Bible Study Memory Verse for Week One: “Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are My disciples.” (John 13: 35, NLT)

Message Notes:

Theme: Epiphany; Church

“**In Diversity**”

January 12, 2014

SCRIPTURE READING #1: Isaiah 61: 1-6 (Pew Bible p. 390)

SCRIPTURE READING #2: Matthew 2: 1-12 (Pew Bible p. 509)

PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

John 1: 5 – “The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness; the darkness couldn’t put it out.” (MSG)

2 Timothy 1: 9-10 – “God has saved us. He has chosen us to live a holy life. It wasn’t because of

anything we have done. It was because of His own purpose and grace.

Through Christ Jesus, God gave us that grace even before time began. It has now been made known through the coming of our Savior, Christ Jesus. He has destroyed death. Because of the good news, He has brought life out into the light. That life never dies.” (NIRV)

Ephesians 3: 3a – “... the mystery made known to [everyone] by revelation.” (NRSV)

Luke 2: 10b – “... a great and joyful event that is meant for *everybody*, worldwide” (MSG)

John 8: 12b – “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.” (NKJV)

Ephesians 3: 6b – “... fellow heirs, members of the same body, sharers in the promise.” (NIV)

Matthew 5: 16b – “... be a light for other people” (ERV)

John 8: 12b – “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.” (NKJV)