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Christ-centered—Living, Relating, Serving

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Prelude

Call to Worship:

based on Isaiah 49

L: Listen up, everyone! God has given us work to do.

P: God has called each of us before we were even born.

L: It was God who named us.

P: It is God who claims us.

L: The light of God's love shines in us.

ALL:

Let's shine God's love into all the world!

Opening Prayer

Hymn: HWB no. 6,

Here in This Place

Children's Time:

Love

Sharing Time

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Worship Music:

(requested song) God on the Mountain

Moment-in-Mission:

Year of the Bible

Scripture Reading:

1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 (Pew Bible p. 602)

Silent Meditation

Hymn: HWB no. 363,

Renew Your Church

Message:

Radically Unprotected

Time of Offering Offertory Invitation Sharing Our Gifts Offertory Prayer

Hymn: HWB no. 21,

All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord

Benediction:

L: We go in the love of the One who strengthens us

P: for the work to which we're called.

L: We go in the fellowship of Jesus Christ,

P: who claims us as sisters and brothers.

L: We go in the community of the Holy Spirit,

P: who binds us together with all the saints.

ALL: We go with grace to shine God's love into all the world.

Musical Response

Postlude

Worship Participants: Paige Zachariasen (piano), Todd Jones (worship leader & message), Kathryn Kleinsasser & Shirley Hofer (worship music provided by Melvin & Emma Hofer), & Jill Hofer (moment-in-mission)

PRAYER CONCERNS/PRAISES

- Mildred Hofer (recovering from surgery)
- Byron Thomas
- **From CPMC:** Tim Detweiler, David Boshart and Shana Peachey Boshart will be participating in pastor's week events at one or both Mennonite seminaries this month. Pray that they would have good conversations with prospective pastors, professional enrichment and travel safety.
- **From MMN:** Mark and Mary Hurst of MMN are grieving many losses. Mark's father died Thanksgiving morning, and a special Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand colleague died a few weeks later. Yet another great sorrow is the loss of the 1643 Community house. Pray for comfort and hope for Mark and Mary.

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.

TODAY

9:00am: Gathering 58: 6

Greeters: Moses Glanzer & Steve Mendel

Nursery: Kim Jones

Coffee Time: Eric & Michelle Neuharth

MW Jan. project: Blankets, sheets or towels

Children's Sun. School project: Freeman Food Pantry 2:30pm: Worship @ Diamond Care Center (Bridgewater)

NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Paul & Priscilla Hofer

Nursery: Open

Organ: Phyllis Hofer

Worship Music: Merlin & Sylvia Hofer

Coffee Time: Marj Hofer

THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Soup & Fellowship, 6:30pm

Kid's Club, 7pm

Midweek Bible Study, 7pm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Worship Committee, 6:30pm

Mission & Outreach Committee, 7:30pm

Jan. 29: Soup & Fellowship, 6:30pm

Kid's Club, 7pm

Midweek Bible Study, 7pm

Midweek Bible Study Memory Verse for Week Two: "Be wise in the way you act with people who are not believers, making the most of every opportunity." (Colossians 4: 5, NCV)

Connection! deadline: Wed. noon, Jan. 22.

There is a box in the foyer for **recycling old yearbooks**.

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

Checked out the church website yet?

What can you find at **hmcfreeman.org**?

- Weekly bulletins available by 12pm each Saturday
- Monthly newsletters in full color
- Current calendar of events
- and much more

We are asking people to **donate items** for the **Freeman food pantry**. Please consider donating canned goods, paper goods, personal care items,

and baby care items. You can drop them off in the Hutterthal foyer. Thank you.

SCHMECKFEST:

- 1. Noodle making: Tues., Jan. 21 and Jan. 28 at Pioneer Hall from 9:00 am.-3:30pm. Snow date: Sat., Feb. 1.
- 2. Cheese pocket making: Feb. 4, 11, 18 beginning at 9:00am in Pioneer Hall. Snow date: Feb. 25. Questions? call June Pullman at 825-4277.
- 3. There are several areas yet to fill with workers and food donations. A monetary donation can also be made to help cover the expense of kuchens. Please get in touch with Joline Thomas if you are able to help in any of these ways. Thank you.

Denny Davis, director of the South Dakotans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, will be speaking about the **current death penalty scene** in South Dakota and nationwide **February 2 at 2 p.m**. at the Salem-Zion Mennonite Church. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

The **SD MCC Relief Sale** is just six months away on July 26, in Freeman. There is still time to make a quilt, stitch some tea towels, knit a hat, assemble a silent auction item, build a table, etc.. If you are planning to donate a quilt or comforter, please contact Karen Stucky by March 16th (925-7021 or karens@gwtc.net). Official donation forms will be available later this spring. Think warm thoughts and thank you for your support of MCC and the SD MCC Relief Sale.

Message Notes:

Theme: Love; Church; Community

"Radically Unprotected" January 19, 2014

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 (Pew Bible p. 602)

- **1 Corinthians 13: 2** "I may have the gift of prophecy. I may understand all secret things of God and have all knowledge.... But if I have not love, then I am nothing." (NCV)
- **Philippians 3: 3-6** "You know my pedigree: a legitimate birth, circumcised on the eighth day; an Israelite from the elite tribe of Benjamin; a strict and devout adherent to God's law; a fiery defender of the purity of my religion, even to the point of persecuting the church; a meticulous observer of everything set down in God's law Book." (MSG)

- John 5: 39-40 "You have your heads in your Bibles constantly because you think you'll find eternal life there. But you miss the forest for the trees. These Scriptures are all about Me! And here I am, standing right before you, and you aren't willing to receive from Me the life you say you want." (MSG)
- **1 John 3: 11** "The message you heard from the very beginning is this: we must love one another." (TEV)
- **1 Corinthians 13: 8** "Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away." (NKJV)
- 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7 "Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; [love] bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." (NKJV)
- **1 John 4: 8b** "... for God is love." (NKJV)
- **John 13: 34-35** "Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are My disciples when they see the love you have for each other." (MSG)
- **John 17: 21** "I want all [My disciples] to be one with each other, just as I am one with You [Father] and You are one with Me. I also want them to be one with Us. Then the people of this world will believe You sent Me." (CEV)

We're to be marked by:

! (1 Cor. 1: 1-3)

1 Corinthians 12: 26-27 – "The way God designed our bodies is a model for understanding our lives together as a church: every part dependent on every other part, the parts we mention and the parts we don't, the parts we see and the parts we don't. If one part hurts, every other part is involved in the hurt, and in the healing. If one part flourishes, every other part enters into the exuberance. You are Christ's body – that's who you are! You must never forget this. Only as you accept your part of that body does your 'part' mean anything." (MSG)

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"Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all you do be done with love.... The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen."

1 Corinthians 16: 13-14 & 23-24, NKJV