



Hutterthal
**Mennonite
Church**

Christ-centered—Living, Relating, Serving

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Prelude:

*Make Me a Blessing
Blessed Assurance*

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Based on Jeremiah 17: 5b-10 (NIV)

L: Cursed is the one who trusts in humanity, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the Lord.

Men: That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes.

Women: They will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives.

L: But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him.

ALL: They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream.

Women: It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green.

Men: It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.

L: The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?

P: The Lord who searches the heart and examines the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve.

L: May He look upon us now and find us empty of all but love.

P: May He look upon us and find here space for Him and for all, a community of faith, Christ-centered-Living, Relating, Serving!

Opening Prayer

Hymn: HWB no. 21,

All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord

Children's Time:

A Lego Life

Sharing Time

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Moment-in-Mission:

First-Fruits Community Garden

Scripture Reading:

1 Corinthians 10: 23-11: 1 (Pew Bible p. 607)

Silent Meditation

Worship Music:

Abide with Me

Time of Offering

Offertory Invitation

Sharing Our Gifts:

His Eye is On the Sparrow

Offertory Prayer

Hymn: HWB no. 307,

Will You Let Me be Your Servant

Message:

Empty of All but Love

Hymn: HWB no. 421,

Bless'd be the Tie that Binds

Benediction

Musical Response

Postlude

Worship Participants: Elvera Deckert (piano), Todd Jones (worship leader, children's time & message), Todd Koerner (moment-in-mission), and Hannah Jones (worship music arranged by Rodney & Amanda Mettler)

PRAYER CONCERNS/PRAISES

- **Family of Faith Ann (Stahl) Sarfarazi**
- **Dorothy Haas** (daughter of Moses Glanzer)
- **Heather VanMeveren** (wife of Pastor Shane at Bethany Mennonite)
- **From CPMC:** Pray for Partner in Mission Philip Friesen as he serves and reaches out to international students and scholars at the University of Minnesota.
- **From MMN:** This month, MMN's partner, DOOR, is hosting students on spring break. Pray that students will see the face of God in the cities as they

work with local agencies, learn from local leaders, and reflect on the intersection of faith and service in their lives.

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

Greeters: Lyndon & Barbie Hofer

Coffee Time: NO COFFEE TIME

12:00pm: Potluck Fellowship

MW Mar. project: Hygiene Kits and or Soap - see *Connection!* for details

Children's Sun. School project: MMN N. Ireland Peacemaking

NEXT SUNDAY: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

9:00am: Gathering 58:6

Greeters: Marj Hofer & Adeline Friesen

Organ: Edie Tschetter/David Friesen

Coffee Time: Mildred Hofer

2:00pm: St. John's Bible Open House, 2pm (USF)

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Mission & Outreach Meeting, 7:00pm

Wednesday: Freeman Network for Justice & Peace, 12pm (Freeman Public Library)

Thursday: Freeman Ministerial, 10am (Living Fountain)
Memorial Service, 7pm

Friday: Men's Group, 10am (Parsonage)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar. 10: Prayer Shawl, 7pm

Mar. 12: Youth Bible Study

Mar. 14: Men's Group, 10am (Parsonage)

Mar. 16: Movie Event: *The Illuminator*, 2:30pm

Mar. 18: Deacons Meeting, 7pm (Parsonage)

The Church Board is calling a **special congregational meeting today**, following the worship service. We will be voting on a painting and carpet project for the educational wing and painting the sanctuary.

There will be **no coffee time** today between church & Sunday School. We will have a potluck following Sunday School instead! Stay for food and fellowship around the table!

A memorial service for the family and friends of Faith Ann (Stahl) Sarfarazi will be held at Hutterthal on Thursday evening, March 6 at 7pm. Following the service there will be a time of fellowship in the basement.

Kathryn Hofer will be celebrating her **90th birthday** on March 12. An **open house** will be held on Sunday, March 9th, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Salem Mennonite Home. She would like to invite everyone at Hutterthal to come and help her celebrate this special milestone in her life.

Cards and prayers to uphold **Dorothy & Greg Glanzer Haas** would be appreciated: 4260 East Bethel Lane, Bloomington, IN 47408.

Lent Bible Display at HMC: The Hutterthal worship committee would like to invite you to participate in creating a display of Bibles in our sanctuary for the Lent season **beginning Sunday, March 9th**. Do you have a Bible that has special meaning to you? a family heirloom Bible? a Bible commemorating a special event in your life? the Bible of a parent or grandparent who has passed on? Please leave your Bible(s) on the desk in the Pastor's study and include a slip of paper listing: Bible's owner, brief description on the significance of the Bible.

See the power and beauty of God's WORD in the ***Saint John's Bible*** –The artist-in-residence program at Hutterthal is planning **two upcoming events** featuring this incredible work of art:

- 1. *Saint John's Bible* on display at University of Sioux Falls, Sunday, March 9, 2-4pm** – You are invited to join us for an outing to view reproduction volumes of the Saint John's Bible at USF. An open house from 2-4pm that afternoon is being held for the public at Mears Library on campus. Those interested in carpooling from Hutterthal are invited to eat a light lunch (provided) in the basement fellowship hall before departing at 12:45pm. Please sign up on the orange sheet on the table in the upper foyer or speak to Michelle L Hofer if you plan to attend.
- 2. Public movie event, Sunday, March 16th, 2:30pm** - The public is invited to attend a viewing of the documentary on *the Saint John's Bible* project, "The Illuminator and a Bible for the 21st Century". The film will be shown in the Hutterthal Mennonite Church basement fellowship hall. Refreshments will be ser

Freeman Academy will be hosting one of the regional **Mennonite Schools Council (MSC) Choir Festival April 11-13**. A concert, featuring each school along with all schools singing collectively, will be held in Sterling Hall on Sunday, April 13 at 3:00 pm. **Hutterthal has been assigned to host Eastern Mennonite High School** from Harrisonburg, Virginia. They will be bringing **40 students and 4 adult chaperones**. One of the chaperones MIGHT have a baby with them; that's not confirmed yet. Kris Carlson is the festival coordinator and will be working on host churches and housing. Edie Tschetter is the Hutterthal coordinator. More details coming. For further information, please contact Amy Hofer Vetch at ahofer@freemanacademy.org or 925-4237 EXT. 240.

Rural Revival will meet on Monday, March 3 at 8pm in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome. (www.ruralrevival.org)

Heritage Hall Museum and Archives will hold its **annual cleaning** day on Saturday, **March 8** beginning at 9:00 a.m. See Connection! for details.

SCHMECKFEST:

- 1. Knepf making: Fri., Mar. 7, 4:00–8:00pm and Sat., Mar. 8, 9:00am– 3:00pm.** Lunch will be provided. Contact Vernetta Waltner.
- 2. Country Kitchen** is asking for donations of food items. Poppyseed rolls, fruit pockets, pumpkin rolls, caramel rolls, jams, horseradish and summer savory sell especially well. Items should be labeled.

Cold weather has slowed donations to Et Cetera Shoppe! These cold gray days are the perfect time to clean out a closet or a cupboard. **We'd love to receive the best things you no longer need or use** - clothing, house wares, furniture, small appliances, and so on! Give us your best, and we'll do the rest... all in the name of Christ!

Message Notes:

Theme: love; community; faith

"Empty of All but Love"

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CHILDREN'S TIME: "A Lego Life"

1 Corinthians 11: 1 – "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ." (NKJV)

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 10: 23 – 11: 1 (Pew Bible p. 607)

PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

Ecclesiastes 3: 11a – “... has made everything beautiful in its time ... and has put eternity into [the human] heart...” (ESVUK)

John 7: 37b–38 – “If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.’” (NASB)

Luke 9: 23b–24 – “Anyone who wants to follow Me must put aside his own desires and conveniences and carry his cross with him every day and keep close to Me! Whoever loses his life for My sake will save it, but whoever insists on keeping his life will lose it.” (TLB)

1 Corinthians 13: 7 – “... [bearing] all things, [believing] all things, [hoping] all things, [enduring] all things.” (NKJV)

Revelation 2: 4b – “... [didn’t] love [God] or each other as [they] did at first!” (NLT)

Matthew 23: 23 – “You’re hopeless, [Jesus said to the] religion scholars and Pharisees! Frauds! You keep meticulous account books, tithing on every nickel and dime you get, but on the meat of God’s Law, things like fairness and compassion and commitment – the absolute basics! – you carelessly take it or leave it. Careful bookkeeping is commendable, but the basics are required. Do you have any idea how silly you look, writing a life story that’s wrong from start to finish, nitpicking over commas and semicolons?” (MSG)

As the body of Christ, _____!

Philippians 2: 2b-4 – “... by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind; doing nothing through rivalry or through conceit, but in humility, each counting others better than himself; each ... not just looking to his own things, but each ... also to the things of others.” (WEB)

John 13: 34-35 – “... I give you a new command: Love each other deeply and fully. Remember the ways that I have loved you, and demonstrate your love for others in those same ways. Everyone will know you as My followers if you demonstrate your love to others.” (The Voice)

As the body of Christ, _____!

Matthew 10: 39 – “Those who try to hold on to their lives will give up true life. Those who give up their lives for Me will hold on to true life.” (NCV)

Mark 10: 45 – “... the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many” (NKJV)

John 13: 15 – “... I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.” (NKJV)