



**Hutterthal
Mennonite
Church**

Christ-centered—Living, Relating, Serving

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Prelude

William M. Runyan

Great Is Thy Faithfulness ~

Welcome

Call to Worship:

L: God calls us together as the church that we might worship, not as an act of religious duty or simply for an emotional response, but so that we might be reconciled not only to Him, but, through Christ, to all.

P: And, in response, the prophet cries to us, saying:

The Prophet: Quit the worship charade. I can't stand your trivial

religious games: Monthly conferences, weekly Sabbaths, special meetings – meetings, meetings, meetings – I can't stand one more!

Meetings for this, meetings for that. I hate them! You've worn me out! I'm sick of your religion, religion, religion, while you go right on

sinning. When you put on your next prayer-performance, I'll be looking the other way. No matter how long or loud or often you pray, I'll

not be listening. And do you know why? Because you've been tearing people to pieces, and your hands are bloody. Go home and wash up.

Clean up your act. Sweep your lives clean of your evildoings so I don't have to look at them any longer. Say no to wrong. Learn to do good.

Work for justice. Help the down-and-out. Stand up for the homeless. Go to bat for the defenseless. (Isaiah 1: 13-17, MSG)

L: We come here then, but not simply to grow comfortable.

P: We come to mature into the very people God desires us to be.

Opening Prayer: STJ no. 122

Hymn: HWB no. 367,
the Nations

For the Healing of

Children's Time:

I'm Just a Kid

Sharing Time

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

Sunday School Teachers/Staff Dedication

Worship Music: HWB no. 143 (vs. 1-3 & 6),

Amazing Grace

Time of Offering

Offertory Invitation

Sharing Our Gifts

Offertory Prayer

My Jesus, I Love Thee ~ Tim Doran

Dwelling in the Word:

Isaiah 58: 9b-14 (Pew Bible p. 390)

Silent Meditation

Hymn: HWB no. 142,

Brothers and

Sisters of Mine

Message:

Called to Justice

Hymn: HWB no. 90,

For the Fruit of All Creation

Benediction

Musical Response

Jesus ~ A. B. Everett

Footprints of

Postlude

Eternal ~ G. J. Webb

Lead On, O King

Worship Participants: Phyllis Hofer (organ), Dennis Schrock (call to worship), worship music arranged by Cameron & Rina Hofer, Ian Hofer (children's time), Brandy Friesen & Charlene Friesen (Sunday School Teacher/Staff Dedication), and Todd Jones (children's time & message)

PRAYER CONCERNS/PRAISES

- **Finley Mildred McCune** (born 8/21 to Doug and Becky McCune)
- **Crystal Hofer**
- **From CPMC:** Pray for those planning and attending *Engaging the Mystery*, the Central Plains Advent planning workshop taking place at Manson, Iowa, on September 7
- **From MMN:** Today, participants in MMN's Radical Journey program begin their 10-day orientation in Chicago. Pray for openness and a spirit of service as they prepare for a year in Argentina, Paraguay or South Africa.

TODAY

Greeter: Aaron & Marcella Glanzer

Nursery: Open

9:45am: Worship feat. Sun. School Teachers Dedication

Coffee Time: Preston & Paige Zachariasen

MW project: School Kits (need 8 pencils)

Jr. S.S. project: Swan Lake Christian Camp

4pm: Freeman Network for Justice & Peace @ South Church

NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Larry & Brigitta Hofer

Nursery: Paige Zachariasen

Organ: Shirley Hofer

Music: Chad & Rebecca Hofer

Coffee Time: Shane & Amy Hofer Vetch

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Mission & Outreach Committee, 8pm @ HMC

Wednesday: September *Connection!* Deadline, 12pm

Children's Sunday School teachers mtg., 7:30pm @HMC

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 5: Freeman Ministerial, 10am @ Missionary Church

September 7: "Engaging the Mystery" Workshop, 10am @ Manson, IA

September 9: Prayer Shawl, 7:00pm @ HMC

Deacons Meeting, 7:30pm @ Clem's

September 10: Worship Committee, 7:00pm @ HMC

Connection! deadline: Wed. noon, Aug. 28. Please get all info to Edie and Church News to Twyla.

Children's Sunday School teachers - we will have a brief meeting on Weds 08/28 at 7:30pm. If you cannot attend, please contact Brandy Friesen at 940-1493.

A **reminder** to all **Shalom readers**, and their parents, that Hutterthal's Shalom Readers Club will be concluding it's year at the end of August. I anticipate some exciting, original projects. Your list of books read (also stating your choice of free book from the Shalom list) and your projects can be placed on the library table/counter.

For some years I have been servicing the **Choice Books** display at Freeman Shopping Center. Due to the medical emergency in our family, I will have difficulty doing this at the present time. So, If anyone would be interesting in **doing this temporarily or permanently**, I would be most grateful. The work is not difficult, it just requires that one is on the scene! Thanks. Norma

Gary and Gloria Graber of Freeman will be presenting a program titled **Living Stones – A Call for Justice and Peace** on Saturday, September 7 at 7pm at the Salem-Zion Mennonite (North) Church. All are welcome!

All Central Plains women are invited to attend a retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp at Viborg, South Dakota, September 21 & 22. The theme is “**Power Made Perfect: How's a Woman to Live?**” with speakers Elisabeth Harder Schrock and Charlotte Loewen, both of Mountain Lake, MN. See details on bulletin board. The cost is \$75. Please **pre-register by September 14** to Esther Jane Buller at 507-427-3064 or hebuller@gmail.com. **NOTE: Monica Clem & Kim Jones** will be presenting an interesting session on tasty foods from *Mennonite Girls Can Cook Celebrations*. Mark this on your calendars. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board for carpooling purposes.

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.

2013-2014 Sunday School Teachers

Early Childhood

Kym Tschetter
Kylea Tschetter
Rina Hofer

Pre-K

Dave Friesen
Derrick and Jessica Preheim
Joani Kramer and Rebecca Hofer

Grades 1-2

Kim Jones
Barbie Hofer
Charlene Friesen

Primary Class (Grades 3-5)

Amanda Mettler
Lyndon Hofer
Colin Hofer

Middler Class (Grades 7-8)

Les Rensink
Monica Hofer
_____ (one still needed)

Youth Class

Brandon Waltner
John Clem
Todd Koerner

Young Adult (basement)

Michelle Hofer
Pastor Todd Jones

Intergenerational Class
Larry and Edie Tschetter
Todd Koerner
Les Rensink

Builders Class
Dennis Schrock
Harold Hofer
_____ (one still needed)

Litany for Teacher Recognition & Appreciation

L: Today we give thanks for all our Sunday School teachers. We are grateful for their time spent in teaching God's word. It is a "lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path" (Ps. 119: 105)

P: We are thankful for these men and women who share from the Bible and from their own life experiences.

L: Teachers were an important part of the growth of Jesus. As a 12 year old, Jesus was separated from His parents for three days. Mary and Joseph returned to Jerusalem and "found Him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions" (Lk 2:46). When Jesus became a man, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day to read and teach from the Scriptures (Lk 4:16-21).

Teachers: We commit ourselves to teaching God's Word to those in our classes and sharing our lives with them. We have done so and will continue to do so gladly.

ALL: May God help us be faithful in our attendance to Bible Study and worship in the Lord's House each week.

L: Teachers, I am grateful to each of you not only for your commitment to teaching God's word, but also for sharing your faith with those in your Sunday School class.

Teachers: It is a great privilege to teach from God's Word each Sunday. May we continue to take this responsibility seriously and be faithful in our preparation and leadership.

L: Church family, I challenge you to be supportive of your Sunday School teacher by your faithful attendance, prayerful support, and listening ear. Let your teachers know how much you appreciate their service.

ALL: We will pray for our teachers and listen to them, and do our best to support the ministry of the Sunday School. We will ask the Lord to give our teachers wisdom in their service to this church.

L: "Everything in the Scriptures is God's Word. All of it is useful for teaching and helping people and for correcting them and showing them how to live. The Scriptures train God's servants to do all kinds of good deeds" (2 Tim 3:16-17, CEV).

ALL: Let us do our best to "serve the Lord with gladness" in the church and through our community. May God be honored by our commitment and our words today.

Message Notes:

Theme: Worship; Justice

"Called to Justice"

August 25, 2013

Isaiah 58: 1 – “Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.” (NRSV)

Micah 6: 8b – “See that justice is done, let mercy be your first concern, and humbly obey your God” (CEV)

Isaiah 58: 3 – “Why have we fasted,’ they say, ‘and You [God] have not seen? Why have we afflicted our souls, and You take no notice?” (NKJV)

Isaiah 58: 6 – “Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?” (NRSV)

Matthew 5: 16 – “Let our light shine before [all], that they might see [our] good works and glorify [our] Father in heaven.” (NKJV)

John 4: 23-24 – “... the time is coming – it has, in fact, come – when what you’re called will not matter and where you go to worship will not matter. It’s who you are and the way you live that count before

God. Your worship must engage your spirit in the pursuit of truth. That’s the kind of people the Father is out looking for: those who are simply an honestly themselves before Him in their worship. God is

sheer being itself – Spirit. Those who worship Him must do it out of their very being, their spirits, their true selves, in adoration.” (MSG)

Worship must include:

1) _____! (Is. 58: 9b-12)

Romans 12: 1 – “And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all He has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice – the kind He will find acceptable.

This is truly the way to worship Him.” (NLT)

Matthew 25: 35-36 & 40b – “I was hungry, and you gave Me food. I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink. I was alone and away from home, and you invited Me into your house. I was

without clothes, and you gave Me something to wear. I was sick, and you cared for Me. I was in prison, and you visited Me.... I tell you the truth, anything you did for even the least of My people here, you

also did for Me” (NCV)

2) _____! (Is. 58: 13-14)

Joshua 24: 14a – “... revere the Lord, and serve Him in sincerity and in faithfulness.” (NRSV)

Luke 9: 23b – “If any of you want to be My followers, you must forget about yourself. You must take up your cross each day and follow Me.” (CEV)

Mark 2: 27 – “The Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath.” (NRSV)

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Isaiah 1: 13a & 17, MSG