



**Hutterthal  
Mennonite  
Church**

**Christ-centered—Living, Relating, Serving**

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**September 1, 2013**

**Prelude**  
William Moore

*Christians, We Have Met to Worship~*

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship:**

4: 6-10 (MSG)

James

**Opening Prayer:** from *Starters for Sunday* (Church of Scotland)

L: Great and wonderful God, we come into Your presence with joy and wonder, celebrating Your eternal goodness, acknowledging Your constant love.

**P: Receive our worship now: and help us to serve You always.**

L: We come conscious of our own sinfulness, but rejoicing in Your mercy, all too aware of our unworthiness, yet celebrating Your awesome forgiveness.

**P: Receive our worship now: and help us to serve You always.**

L: We come seeking to worship You, not just for these few moments, or in this place, or in one small part of our lives, but in all our actions, words and deeds, through the people we are and the lives we lead.

**P: Receive our worship now: and help us to serve You always.**

L: For all the ways we have failed to live as Your people: forgive us. Lead us closer to You and teach us Your will, so that what we say with our lips we may truly practice in our lives, to the glory of Your name.

**P: Receive our worship now: and help us to serve You always.**

**ALL: This we pray as one, saying together: Amen.**

**Hymn:** HWB no. 5,  
*of Quiet Rest*

*There is a Place*

**Children's Time:**

Welcoming Angels

**Sharing Time**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer** (debts, debtors)

**Worship Music:**

*Lamb; Shortnin' Bread*

*Mary Had a Little*

*Pig in a Pen; Go Tell*

*Aunt Rhody*

**Time of Offering**

**Offertory Invitation**

**Sharing Our Gifts**

*Prayer~Albert Hay Malotte*

**Offertory Prayer**

*The Lord's*

**Dwelling in the Word:**

(Pew Bible p. 551)

**Silent Meditation**

Luke 14: 1 & 7-14

**Hymn:** HWB no. 403,  
*in Every Age*

*The Church of Christ*

**Message:** The Welcome Table

**Hymn:** STJ no. 54,

*Longing for Light*

**Benediction**

**Musical Response**

**Postlude**

*Alleluia*~W. A. Mozart

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**Worship Participants:** Shirley Hofer (organ), Monica Clem (welcome, call to worship, & opening prayer), Kaliyah McBeth & Savanna Timmerman (worship music arranged by Chad & Rebecca Hofer ), and Todd Jones (children's time & message)

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.

**PRAYER CONCERNS/PRAISES**

- **Crystal Hofer**
- **From CPMC:** Pray for the Central Plains conference board as it meets this Friday, especially that God may bless and guide our new moderator, Nathan Luitjens, and assistant moderator, Margie Mejia-Caraballo.
- **From MMN:** Praise God for Linda Oyer's successful eye surgery in July. Linda, a long-term worker with MMN in France, is seeing clearly with her left eye for the first time in five years. Pray for her as she resumes ministries put on hold due to problems with her sight.

**TODAY**

**Greeters:** Larry & Brigitta Hofer

**Nursery:** Paige Zachariasen

**Coffee Time:** Shane & Amy Hofer Vetch

**MW project:** MW USA Project - cash (see *Connection!* for details)

**Jr. S.S. project:** Sole Hope

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**Gathering 58: 6,** 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall

**Greeters:** LeRoy & Kathy Pullman

**Nursery:** Open

**Piano:** Charlene Friesen

**Music:** Fortis

**Coffee Time:** Vernon & Norma Hofer

**THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday:** Worship/Mission & Outreach Joint Meeting, 7:30pm @ HMC

**Thursday:** Freeman Ministerial, 10am @ Missionary Church

**Saturday:** Engaging the Mystery" Workshop, 10am @ Manson, IA

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**September 8:** Gathering 58: 6, 9:00am @ HMC

Worship, 2:30pm @ Diamond Care Center

Church picnic, starting at 6pm @ HMC

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

**September 11:** The Initiative: Prayer Walk, 7pm @ Pool Park (Freeman)

**September 12:** Deacons Meeting, 7:30pm @ Clem's

**September 13:** Men's Group, 8:45am @ Parsonage

**September 16:** Mission & Outreach, 7pm @ HMC

**September 17:** Pastor-Peer, 9:15am @ Sioux Falls

**September 18:** The Initiative: Prayer Walk, 7pm @ Location TBD

**September 19:** Church Board, 8pm @ HMC

**September 20:** Men's Group, 8:45am @ Parsonage

Gathering at the Peace Pole, 10:20am @ Freeman Academy

September 8 - **CHURCH PICNIC.** We will be hosting a bonfire with a wiener roast and s'mores. We will meet at the church. Please bring a salad to share and your own beverage, and lawn chairs. We will provide hotdogs, chips, and s'more ingredients. Starts at 6:00. Join us when you can. Questions? Talk with Kylea or Jill.

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! See *Connection!* for details.

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?”** 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](mailto:hebuller@gmail.com).

**Rural Revival** will meet on Monday, September 2 @ 8pm in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome. ([www.ruralrevival.org](http://www.ruralrevival.org))

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## Message Notes:

Theme: Justice; Mission

## “The Welcome Table”

September 1, 2013

**CHILDREN'S TIME:** “Welcoming Angels”

**Hebrews 13: 2** – “Always remember to help people by welcoming them.... Some people have done that and have helped angels without knowing it.” (ERV)

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Luke 14: 1 & 7-14 (Pew Bible p. 551)

**Personal Observations/Thoughts**

**Romans 14: 19** – “... pursue what promotes peace and what builds up one another.” (HCSB)

**Isaiah 11: 3b-5** – “He [doesn't] judge by appearances, [doesn't] decide on the basis of hearsay. He [judges] the needy by what is right, [renders] decisions on earth's poor with justice. His

words ... bring everyone to awed attention. A mere breath from His lips [topples] the wicked. Each morning [He pulls] on sturdy work clothes and boots, and [builds] righteousness and

faithfulness in the land.” (MSG)

**Isaiah 58: 12b** – “... the old rubble of past lives [and] build anew, rebuild the foundations from out of [our] past. [We'll] be known as those who can fix anything, restore old

ruins, rebuild

and renovate, make the community livable again.” (MSG)

**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)

**Luke 4: 14b** – “[Jesus] took him and healed him, and let him go.” (NKJV)

### Jesus’ welcome table:

**1) is \_\_\_\_\_!** (Luke 14: 8-11)

**Galatians 3: 26-28** – “All ... [who believe] are God’s children because of [their] faith in Christ Jesus. And when [they] were baptized, it was as though [they] had put on Christ in the

same way [they] put on new clothes. Faith in Christ Jesus is what makes each of [us] equal with each other, whether [we] are a Jew or a Greek, a slave or a free person, a man or a

woman.” (CEV)

**Philippians 2: 5-8** – “Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus: Though He was in the form of God, He did not consider being equal with God something to exploit. But He emptied

Himself by taking the form of a slave and by becoming like human beings. When He found Himself in the form of a human, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of

death, even death on a cross.” (CEB)

**2) requires \_\_\_\_\_!** (Luke 14: 12-14)

**Matthew 6: 35-36** – “... love [even our] enemies. Help and give without expecting a return. [We’ll] never – I promise – regret it. [So] live out this God-created identity the way our

Father lives toward us, generously and graciously, even when we’re at our worst. Our Father is kind; [we must] be kind.” (MSG)