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Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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**Prelude** 

Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light ~ Bach

Gathering Song: HWB no. 41,

Come, Thou Almighty King

Welcome

**Lighting of the Peace Lamp Passing the Peace** 

## **Call to Worship:**

based on Psalm 133

L: How wonderful when brothers and sisters, neighbors and friends, enjoy time together as one happy family.

Children & Youth: What is that like?

Adults: It's like the finest perfume poured out for everyone to enjoy.

L: How beautiful when there is peace and we live in beautiful harmony with all.

Children & Youth: What does that look like?

Adults: It is like a refreshing rain at the end of a long dry spell — like discovering a meadow full of flowers in a place where it was thought nothing could grow.

L: It is our prayer for you.

Adults: And we pray that it might be our witness to all

ALL: Jesus, lead us today on this way everlasting!

**Prayer** 

**Hymn:** HWB no. 310, How Good a Thing It Is

**Children's Time:** Living as if Everything is a Miracle

Sharing Time
Congregational Prayer
Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

**Worship Music:** HWB no. 336, When Peace Like a River

Time of Offering
Offertory Invitation
Sharing Our Gifts
Offertory Prayer

**Scripture Reading:** John 20: 19-29 (Pew Bible p. 574)

Change My Heart, O God ~ Espinosa

**Silent Meditation** 

**Hymn:** HWB no. 285, All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Message: Absinthia Taetra

**Silent Reflection** 

**Hymn:** STJ no. 87, Put Peace into Each Other's Hands

**Benediction:** STJ no. 77, The Peace of the Earth be with You

**Musical Response** 

**Postlude** Proclaim the Glory of the Lord ~ Borop & Liles

**Worship Participants:** Edie Tschetter (accompanist), worship music arranged by Brandon & Kylea Waltner, and Todd Jones (children's time & message)

**TODAY** 

**9:00am:** Gathering 58: 6 **Greeters:** Ray & Joyce Hofer

**Coffee Time:** Steve & Charlene Friesen

11:10am: Sunday School

**MW April Project:** cash for MCC Relief Sale pancake breakfast **Children's S.S. Spring Project:** First Fruit Community Gardens

#### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**Greeters:** Vernon P. & Twyla Hofer **Accompanist:** Paige Zachariasen

**Worship Music:** Shane & Amy Hofer Vetch

**Coffee Time:** Larry & Edie Tschetter

#### **THIS WEEK**

Mon.: Mennonite Women Work Night, 4:00pm

**Tues:** Worship Committee, 6:30pm Mission & Outreach, 7:30pm

**Thurs:** Church Board, 7:30pm

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Apr 19-21:** Annual Leaders Retreat (Schuyler, NE)

**Apr 22:** May Connection Newsletter Deadline

May 13: Freeman Area Baccalaureate Service, 7:00pm (Freeman Community Center)

May 26-30: Cross-Culture Thailand Trek VBS

### PRAYER CONCERNS

- · Aaron Glanzer
- · Heather VanMeveren
- · Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC): Next Friday and Saturday, a Sister Care seminar is taking place in eastern Iowa and the church planters of Central Plains will have their annual gathering for training and support. Pray that God's will be done in both of these events.
- · **Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** Pray for Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their four children who are experimenting with a ministry in which they will serve six months in Ecuador and six months in the United States, sharing spiritual insights between South and North America. This is a joint ministry of Goshen (Indiana) College and Mennonite Mission Network

# · Additional Prayers:

HMC is currently **gearing up** for both the Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC) Annual Meeting to be held in Minneapolis, MN on June 18-21 and the Mennonite Church USA Biennial Convention to be held in Kansas City, MO on June 30-July 5 and you can help in several ways:

- 1) Pray over these important gatherings;
- 2) Consider being a delegate for HMC at the CPMC annual mtg. (if interested, contact Colin Hofer or Pastor Todd);
- 3) Financially support our delegates attending the Mennonite Church USA Convention (The total cost for a single HMC delegate to attend convention, including hotel, meals, and registration is approx. \$1200.00. HMC will be sending 2 delegates to convention this summer. To financially support this ministry, you may place a **monetary gift in the basket placed in the church foyer**.)
- **S.D. Mennonite Disaster Service** unit annual meeting: Salem-Zion Mennonite church, **Sun., April 19, at 2pm**. Paul Unruh will share stories about the impact of MDS work on people's lives. Region III Coordinators will also be attending the program which will be followed by the business meeting. Changes in the Constitution regarding term limits will be presented. **Everyone** is invited to attend.

The **Wellspring Wholistic Care Center** annual meeting will be held on Tues., April 20 @ 7pm in the Freeman Regional Health Services community room. All delegates and interested persons are warmly invited to attend. There is an opening for 1 board member. Please join us for an evening of sharing of information about Wellspring as well as a chance to meet and talk the our counselor, Lori Williamson, and the Board of Directors.

**Spring Sing 2015** has been **cancelled.** Please save your energy and donations and plan to join us for the SD MCC Relief Sale on July 25 in Pioneer Hall.

Freeman Academy will host its **Spring Student Showcase and Fundraising Dinner** on **Monday, April 27 at 5:30 p.m**. in the Dining Hall. All are welcome to attend the meal which will be prepared by Prairie House Restaurant. Please make reservations for the dinner by contacting the school office at 925-4237 **by April 20**. Following the meal donors, parents and friends are invited to attend the Student Showcase at 7:00 p.m. in the Pioneer Hall Auditorium which will include highlights and displays of the 2014-15 school year's academic work, music and service by all students in grades 1-12. Dessert and coffee

will be served following the program.