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**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**February 21, 2016**

**Prelude**

**Lighting of the Peace Lamp**

## Call to Worship:

based on Psalm 27

L: The Lord is our light and our salvation: whom shall we fear?

***ALL: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?***

L: One thing we ask of the Lord, one thing we seek;

***ALL: We seek to live in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in the Lord's temple.***

## Welcome

## Prayer

**Hymn:** HWB no. 4,

*Unto Thy Temple, Lord, We Come*

**Scripture Reading:**

Luke 13: 31-35 (Pew Bible p. 551)

**Silent Meditation**

## Confessing and Reconciling

**Confessional Prayer**

***ALL: Hear, O Lord, when we cry aloud. Be gracious to us and answer us. Do not turn Your servants away in anger, You who have been our help. Do not cast us off. Do not forsake us, O God of our salvation!***

L: As we cry out to You in silent confession, be merciful that we may know the fullness of Your grace and the power of Your reconciling love.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance

***ALL: Teach us Your way, O Lord, and lead us on a level path.***

L: We shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

***ALL: We shall abide in the shadow of God's wing, forgiven and redeemed.***

## Children's Time:

Share Your Story

## Time of Offering

**Offertory Invitation**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Hymn:** HWB no. 36,

*God of Our Strength*

**Message:**

Both And

**Journal Questions:**

1. How do you understand God's goodness? How might you begin to rest more fully in it?
2. What does it mean to "wait on the Lord?" How do you see Jesus waiting in our reading from Luke 13: 31-35?
3. How is God calling you to rise up and tell your story?

**Sharing Time**

**Congregational Prayer**

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

**Hymn:** HWB no. 97,

*The Lord is My Light*

**Benediction:**

based on Psalm 27

L: Go out from here believing that we shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

***ALL: We shall be strong, take courage, and wait for the Lord.***

**Musical Response**

**Postlude**

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**Worship Participants:** David Friesen (guitar) Edie Tschetter (accompanist), Todd Jones (worship leader & message), and Amanda Mettler (children's time)

***PRAYER CONCERNS***

- **Dale Neuharth** (recovering from heart procedure)
- **Frank Wiebe** (undergoing chemo)
- **Pastor Tim Detweiler** (undergoing chemo)
- **Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC):** Pray for the Central Plains Conference Board as they meet March 3 to work on financial shortfalls and budgeting for next year.
- **Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** Praise God for Margot and Stephen



Longley's 30 years of ministry with MMN, first in Nepal and now in Korpo, Finland. Margot's degenerative neurological condition is progressing more slowly than anticipated. Pray for continued health as the Longleys retire in Korpo.

· **Additional prayers**

## **TODAY**

**Greeters:** LaVonne Tschetter & Monica Hofer

**9:45am:** Worship Service

**Coffee Time:** Chad & Rebecca Hofer

**11:10am:** Sunday School for all ages

**MW February Project:** Cash for Swan Lake Christian Camp

**Children's S.S. Fall Project:** CPMC Ecuador Partnership

## **NEXT SUNDAY: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Greeters:** Colin & Michelle Hofer

**Accompanist:** Charlene Friesen

**Coffee Time:** John & Monica Clem

## **THIS WEEK**

**Mon.:** 7:00pm Christian Education Committee

**Wed.:** March *Connection!* Deadline

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Feb. 29:** 7:00pm Deacons Meeting (Hofer Residence)

**Mar. 13:** DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

**Mar. 20-23:** 7:00pm Joint Holy Week Services (North Church)

**Mar. 24:** 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship

**Mar. 27:** EASTER SUNDAY

**Sanctuary Carpet and Chancel Stage** work will begin tomorrow, February 22, 2016. Designated donations for this project can be placed in the offering plate (in an envelope) or placed in the Capital Improvement Fund box in the church foyer. The total cost of the project is projected to be \$7,000.00.

**LENT 2016:** Throughout our Lenten journey we will have the opportunity to record and become more fully aware of our spiritual stories. This will include focus questions during

our worship time together as well as “homework.” The “homework” will consist of journaling, and all are strongly encouraged to participate throughout the season. *The journaling exercise need not be complex.* If you do not have a journal, simply staple several pieces of paper together (nothing fancy) that provide you with the space necessary to reflect on Scripture through writing or doodling. These can be daily or weekly entries. There are no rules. You are simply asked to write honestly about the joys and struggles of life knowing that the entries will remain confidential.

The Christian Education Committee would like to inform you of **two current ministry needs/opportunities**: (contact Larry Tschetter if you are interested in either position)

- 1) 2016 VBS Chairperson: As we approach spring, we are seeking a person or persons to head up our VBS program this year.
- 2) We are seeking an individual as our Junior Sunday School Assistant superintendent. We are accepting volunteers or names of those we may reach out to in regard to this ministry.

Currently, we are **seeking delegates** to the Annual Meeting of the Central Plains Mennonite Conference. The meeting is scheduled for **June 16-19, 2016 in Des Moines, Iowa**. Those interested in learning more or participating as delegates are asked to contact Pastor Todd.

We need **help sewing drawstring bags** that Twyla has already pre-cut and made available in the HMC kitchen. Please sign as to what color you have taken and return thread to Twyla. Thank you so much.

**SCHMECKFEST NOTE: Cheese Pocket making: Feb. 23 and March 1** at Freeman Academy dining room starting at 9 a.m. All help would be appreciated. Contact June Pullman with your questions.

**Swan Lake Christian Camp invites you** to attend the appreciation **dinner and annual meeting March 5th at 6:00 pm**. The meal is our way of saying thank you for partnering with us in ministry. Please **RSVP by February 28** to 605-326-5690 or [campoffice@myslcc.com](mailto:campoffice@myslcc.com)

The Freeman Academy **Studio Subscription Series** invites you to join us for the next two events in March. Sunday, March 6 at 4:00pm Dr. John Walker of South Dakota State University presents a piano recital featuring works from Beethoven, Chopin and Liszt. The

recital will take place in Pioneer Hall. The following Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, **Ross & MacKenzie with Danielle Enblom** present music from Scotland, Ireland, and Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. Tickets, which include a dessert reception, can be purchased at the door: single event admission \$15/adult and \$8/student (K-12). For further information see the Freeman Courier or contact Amy Hofer Vetch at 605-925-4237 Ext. 240 or by email [ahofer@freemanacademy.org](mailto:ahofer@freemanacademy.org).

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