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Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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Prelude Christians, We Have Met to Worship ~ Moore Majesty, Worship His Majesty ~ Hayford

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: God, we hear the voice of Your Son who calls to us to come and find rest.

P: We come burdened with much, but we will heed the voice of Jesus.

L: We hear the voice of Your Son who calls us to learn — to mature.

P: We have sought to control and to conquer – to have our way and to force our will – but we hear Jesus' call to be gracious and humble.

L: We have much to learn and much to lay down if we're to know the joy and freedom of Jesus — His yoke that's easy and light.

P: Lord, may we be made ready to receive what You so freely give.

ALL: May we be made ready to live in the fullness of Your Son.

Opening Prayer

Hymn: HWB no. 5, There is a Place of Quiet Rest

Children's Time: Jesus' Yoke

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

Worship Music: On Eagle's Wings ~ Joncas

Time of Offering Offertory Invitation Sharing Our Gifts Near the Cross ~ Doan Offering Prayer

Hymn: HWB no. 491, Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

Scripture Reading: Matthew 11: 1-19 & 25-30 (Pew Bible p. 514)

Silent Meditation

Message: Searching for Hope

Child Dedication: Bridget Priscilla Neuharth

daughter of Eric and Michelle Neuharth

Hymn: HWB no. 557, O God, in Restless Living

Benediction

Music Response

Postlude *Allegro Vivace* ~ Handel

Worship Assistants: Shirley Hofer (organ & worship music), Marj Hofer (worship music arranged by Carrol & Glenda Langeland), Edie Tschetter (Moment in Mission) and Todd Jones (worship leader, children's time & message)

PRAYER CONCERNS/PRAISES

- Pastor Rachel Friesen (recovering from fractured him)
- Carol Detweiler (undergoing treatments)
- **From CPMC:** Next weekend, Templo Alabanza celebrates its 50th anniversary. Praise God for 50 years of Anabaptist ministry and witness in the Quad Cities.
- **From MMN:** Pray for Brian and Kelly McPhail as they deepen their relationships with their English students in China throughout the summer, and as they assist in coordinating visits with Fuller Theological Seminary and Mennonite Partners in China.

TODAY:

Greeters: Shane & Amy Hofer Vetch

Coffee Time: Randy Glanzer

MW July project: Cash - The Banquet (S. Falls) or Gospel Mission

Children's Sun. School project: Swan Lake Christian Camp

NEXT SUNDAY: Youth Breakfast fund-raiser

Greeters: Larry & Brigitta Hofer

Organ: Phyllis Hofer

Music: Doug & Becky McCune

Coffee Time: Larry & Brigitta Hofer

THIS WEEK:

Wed.: August *Connection!* Deadline by noon

Youth Gathering, 7pm

Worship Committee, 7pm

Mission & Outreach Committee, 8pm

Fri.: Men's Group, 9am (parsonage)

Sat: S.D. MCC Relief Sale (Freeman Community Center)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug. 1: Men's group, 9am (parsonage)

Aug. 3: "First Things" Bible Study, 11:10am

Aug. 7: Children's S.S. Teachers mtg. (HMC)

Aug. 10: Annual S.S. mtg. following worship service

Aug. 17: Youth Sunday & Scholarship Fundraiser Luncheon

Coin Offering - this morning for relief sale. Place your offering in the red wagon. If you forgot your coins, you can take them to the Relief Sale on Sat. Is there anyone who would like to match the coins raised by HMC?

Connection! Deadline: Wed., noon, July 23. Give all info to Edie and church news to Twyla Hofer.

"**First Things**" Bible Study Offered: The Deacons invite you to participate in a special study of Creation and "First Things" throughout the month of August. The study will include a DVD presentation during the Sunday School hour (starting promptly at 11:10am in the sanctuary) followed by a simple fellowship meal and discussion in the Fellowship Hall. Fifth Grade through Adults will find this to be an

intriguing study covering "Dinosaurs and Dragons," "The Mystery of Ancient Man," "The

Relevance of Creation," "Global Flood," and "Biblical Authority."

Children's SS Teachers take note - An area introduction to the new children's Shine curriculum published by MennoMedia and that we will be using this next year will be Thursday evening, August 7. Please plan to attend, see the new material and learn how to best use it.

Shalom Readers - This is a reminder that our Shalom program for this year will be ending shortly. Please turn in your reading record and projects on 2 of the books to the library or in Charlene Friesen's mailbox **by August 17**. "Jesus is the Path to Peace"

S.D. MCC Relief Sale - July 26, 8:00am

- 1. If you would like to contribute to cover expenses for the pancake breakfast, make check out to MW and give to Ardella or put in the MW mailbox.
- 2. Donations of baked/homemade items, produce and crafts are welcome.
- 3. **Register IMMEDIATELY** for the **11 mile bike race** to be held at 8 am. This one event requires pre-registration by contacting Angie VanDiepen at pamdav4him@gmail.com or call 925-4859 (local MCC office). The **trike race and slow race**, do not require pre-registration, and will also be held at the Community Center at the same time.

Alumni and community members are invited to attend the **annual FJC and FA Alumni Banquet** on **Saturday, August 2, at 6:30 p.m**. in the Dining Hall. Dennis W. Graber (FA '64) will be the featured speaker. The 1964 FJC Men's Ensemble will bring special music. Honored classes this year include 1939, 1944, 1954, 1964, 1989, 2004 and 2014. **Advance reservations are needed by Friday, July 25** and can be made by calling 925-4237, ext. 235 or emailing <a href="mailto:www.www.uwg.needed.com/www.needed.com

HELP IRAQIS THROUGH MCC: As armed conflict forces Iraqis from their homes, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is providing vital items for daily life and is planning an ongoing response. MCC also is calling on U.S. lawmakers to oppose military intervention in Iraq and instead to send humanitarian aid. Please help us reach a goal of 12,000 hygiene kits and 3,000 relief kits for uprooted Iraqis and others in the region. Gifts of money support MCC's efforts with partners in Iraq to both respond quickly and continue long-term efforts that build peace. More information is available online at mcc.org/get-involved/kits and donate.mcc.org/iraq or by calling 1-888-563-4676. The Action Alert at mcc.org/advocate-iraq provides a simple way to contact your representatives and the president. Thank you for partnering with MCC to help uprooted people and for your ongoing prayers for peace in the region.