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*Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving*

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**March 13, 2016**

*“Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy. He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.” ~ Psalm 126: 5-6, NKJV*

**Prelude**

**Lighting of the Peace Lamp**

## Call to Worship:

Based on Isaiah 43

L: The Lord is doing a new thing:

***ALL: The Lord makes a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert!***

L: The Lord forms us as a people

***ALL: and we declare God's praise!***

L: The Lord has done great things for us!

***ALL: And, we rejoice!***

## Welcome

## Prayer

**Hymn:** HWB no. 640,

*This is a Day of New Beginnings*

**Scripture Reading:**

John 12: 1-8 (Pew Bible p. 568)

**Silent Meditation**

## Confessing and Reconciling

**Confessional Prayer**

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance**

## Children's Time:

Share Your Story

## Time of Offering

**Offertory Invitation**

**Offertory Music**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Hymn:** HWB no. 374,

*O Young and Fearless Prophet*

## Message:

Dining with Lazarus

### Journal Questions:

1. If I embraced the truth that *all of life* is an act of worship, would I live differently than I do now? How would my life change?
2. Does my life speak of the worship of Christ or of self?

3. What do I need to break at the feet of Jesus and pour out upon Him in humble adoration?

## Sharing Time

### Congregational Prayer

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

**Hymn:** STJ no. 51, *As*

*Tranquil Streams*

## Benediction:

based on John 12: 1-8 & Philippians 3: 13-14

L: Go forth, having broken and poured out upon Jesus the fullness of yourself in worship.

***ALL: We go forth awash in the fragrance of the new thing God is doing in Christ.***

L: Yes, forgetting those things which are behind, reach forward to those things which are ahead.

***ALL: We go forth pressing toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus!***

## Musical Response

## Postlude

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**Worship Participants:** Amy Hofer Vetch (accompanist), Todd Jones (worship leader & message), & Amanda Mettler (children's time)

## ***PRAYER CONCERNS***

- Adeline Friesen
- **Reagan Medina** (Daughter of Jason and Stacy, born 2/23)
- **Mother** of Steve Friesen
- **Frank Wiebe** (undergoing chemo)
- **Pastor Tim Detweiler** (undergoing chemo)
- **Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC):** Pray for those planning our 2016 Central Plains Annual Meeting to be held June 16-19 on the campus of Grand View College in Des Moines. Pray too, for our worship speaker, Leonard Dow, as he prepares.

- **Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** Praise God for MMN partners in Mongolia and the Mongolian Prayer Movement that began four years ago. Pray with Christians in Mongolia as they de-sire to send mission teams to each of the 40 modern-day countries that once made up Genghis Khan's vast 13th-century empire.
- Additional Prayers

## **TODAY**

**Greeters:** Vernon & Norma Hofer

**9:45am:** Worship Service

**Coffee Time:** Mildred Hofer

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

**MW March Project:** Hygiene Kits - see *Connection!* for details

**Children's S.S. Spring Project:** The Banquet (Yankton)

## **NEXT SUNDAY, March 20, 2016—Palm Sunday**

### **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS**

**Greeters:** Dennis & Marcia Schrock

**Accompanist:** Norma Hofer

**Coffee Time:** Larry & Brigitta Hofer

## **THIS WEEK**

**Mon.:** 8:00pm Rural Revival (Freeman Library)

**Tues.:** 7:30pm Freeman Network for Justice & Peace (Library)

**Wed.:** 10:00am Freeman Ministerial (Parsonage)

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Mar. 14:** 7:00pm Prayer Shawl

**Mar. 15:** 9:15am Pastor-Peer (Sioux Falls)

7:30pm Freeman Network for Justice & Peace (Library)

**Mar. 17:** 7:00pm Church Board

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

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

**Mar. 27:** EASTER SUNDAY

**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.

We have transitioned to a new Office Administrative Assistant, Jill Hofer. Please forward your bulletin announcements to her by **Thursday, 5:00 p.m.** You can send announcements via email to [hutterthal@goldenwest.net](mailto:hutterthal@goldenwest.net) or reach her by phone at 925-4783 or 605-261-3411 (texts work also.) Thank you.

The Trustees have declared the old removable **stage pieces as surplus**. If you are interested in taking these pieces, please speak with one of the trustees.

Next Sunday, the Deacons will be collecting monetary gifts for the **Benevolent Fund**. This fund is utilized by the Deacons to assist those who are in acute financial need. If you are aware of someone who is in need, please speak with one of our Deacons: Monica Hofer, Todd Koerner or Monica Clem. They will hold your words in the strictest confidence and work with you to assist as they are able.

On Maundy Thursday, March 24, at 7:00pm we will be gathering for worship at Hutterthal. This special service will include **Communion**. Be assured that, at Hutterthal, we celebrate an “open table,” and all who have entered into relationship with Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are encouraged to partake of the bread and cup in community with both God and neighbor.

Salem-Zion is hosting the pre-Easter speaker, Michelle Armster, during that week. Michelle is currently the Executive Director of MCC Central States. We are looking for hosts for eight meals, two each day, March 20-23, Sunday through Wednesday. If you would be willing to serve a lunch or supper (simple is fine) during one of those days, please contact Rosella Schwartz, Gloria Graber or Janelle Ortman.

### **SCHMECKFEST NOTE:**

**Kuchen** will be baked in cooperation with the Tyndall Bakery again this year.

**Donations of fruit** are needed: rhubarb, mulberries, rasp-berries, cherries, peaches and

apricots. **March 16, April 1 and April 4** are the days to make filling in the Pioneer Hall kitchen from **1:00-6:00 pm**. 6-8 workers are needed each day. Baking days at the bakery are **March 17, April 2 and April 5**. 10-12 people are needed each day. Contact Vernetta Waltner at [vwaltner@freemanacademy.org](mailto:vwaltner@freemanacademy.org) or 605-321-7351 to volunteer your time or with any questions.

The congregation is cordially invited to attend a **Senior Concert** given by the vocal group **4ever**, TODAY, at 7 p.m. at the Salem Mennonite Church. See details in the *Connection*.

The next meeting of the Freeman Network for **Justice and Peace** will be Tuesday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the community room of the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome to attend. Please note change of date and time.

### **Stay in Touch through Social Media**

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