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Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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"And [the One] who sat on the throne said to me, 'Behold, I make all things new."

~ Revelation 21: 5a, NKJV

Prelude: Lighting of the Peace Lamp Adagio Cantabile (Beethoven)

Devotion (Doane)

Call to Worship:

Psalm 67 (MEV)

May God be gracious to us, and bless us, and cause His face to shine on us;

That [God's] way may be known on earth

ALL: [His] salvation among all nations.

L: Let the people's praise You, O God; let all the people's praise you.

P: O let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You will judge the people rightly, and lead the nations on earth.

ALL: Let the people's praise You, O God; let all the people's praise You.

L: Then will the earth yield's its produce, and God, our God, will bless us.

ALL: God will bless us and all the ends of the earth will fear Him.

Welcome

Prayer

Confession of Faith: HWB no. 712, The Apostle's Creed

Hymn: HWB no. 29, Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Scripture Reading: John 14: 23-29 (Pew Bible p. 570)

Silent Meditation

Worship Music: The Holy City, Steven Adams

Children's Time: My Coins Count — Education

Time of Offering

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Music: I Surrender All (Hagarty)

Offertory Prayer

Hymn: HWB no. 370, O Day of God, Draw Nigh

Message: But the Helper

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

Hymn: HWB no. 507, Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

Benediction

Musical Response:Alleluia (Mozart)

Postlude

Worship Participants: Shirley Hofer (accompanist), Edie Tschetter (children's time), Todd Jones (worship leader & message), and (worship music provided by Vernon & Norma Lee Hofer)

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Family of Lorraine Hofer (passed away on 4/18) HMC
- **Ruth Pollman** (suffering with shingles)
- Frank Wiebe (undergoing chemo)
- Pastor Tim Detweiler (undergoing chemo)
- **Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC):** Pray for Mennonite Church USA Executive Director Ervin Stutzman as he visits Central Plains churches in the Twin Cities region accompanied by David Boshart this weekend.
- **Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** Praise God for the Sister Care ministry of Mennonite Women and its partnership with MMN in offering hope around the world. Pray for Noëlie Bananzaro, Nancy Frey and Claire Traoré from Burkina Faso, as they share what they learned in Sister Care sessions last month in Kenya.
- Additional Prayers

TODAY

8:30am Youth Bible Study

Greeters: Vernon & Twyla Hofer

9:45am: Worship Service

Coffee Time: There will be **NO COFFEE TIME TODAY!**

11:10am: Sunday School for all ages

12:00 pm: Noon Meal fundraiser for MCC Sale

2:30 pm: Worship (Oakview Terrace) **MW May Project:** Infant Care Kits

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

NEXT SUNDAY: May 8, 2016 (Mother's Day)

Greeters: Paul & Priscilla Hofer **Accompanist:** Amy Hofer Vetch

Coffee Time: Dustin & Kym Tschetter **Worship Music:** Sunday School Children

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: 7:30pm Deacons' Meeting (Clem Residence)

Wednesday: 10:00am Freeman Ministerial (Salem M.B. Parsonage)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 9: 12:00pm Freeman Network for Justice & Peace (Freeman Library)

7:00pm Prayer Shawl

May 11: 7:00pm Community Baccalaureate Service (Community Center)

May 14: 2:00pm Freeman Public Graduation

May 19: 8:00pm Church Board

May 21: 6:00pm Freeman Academy Graduation **May 30-Jun 3:** 9:00am Vacation Bible School

Plan now to enjoy a delicious noon meal at Hutterthal TODAY. This will be a **fundraiser**

for the SD MCC Relief Sale.

2016 Graduation recognition: If you will be graduating from 8th grade, high school, or a college/trade school this year, please let Pastor Todd know as the music committee is planning a special recognition of our graduates during the May 15 worship service and we would like to honor these achievements. Thank you!

Vacation Bible School 2016 is bound to be bales of fun with this year's Barnyard Round Up theme. VBS will run May 30 through June 3 with a program on Sunday June 5. Please prayerfully consider how you can help this year. Volunteers are needed for stations, crew leaders, helpers, and various other positions. Later, we will also be looking for "farm" props to help decorate. Please contact Rebecca Hofer, Becky McCune, Kathy Pullman, or Pastor Todd with questions or to volunteer. Thank you in advance and we hope you see y'all at the Barn Yard Round Up.

Spring Student Showcase and Fundraising Dinner

Freeman Academy will host its Elementary Student Showcase and Fundraising Dinner on Tuesday, May 17. 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 May 10. Following the meal, grades 1-8 will present a program including music and educational displays at 7:00 p.m. which is open to all parents, friends and family. the program, dessert and coffee will be served from the Link concession stand and can be enjoyed while listening to the Pep Band Concert in Sterling Hall.