



# Hutterthal Mennonite Church

*Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving*

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ASCENSION SUNDAY

May 17, 2015

## **Prelude**

*This Is My Father's World* ~ Sheppard, arr. Hayes  
*The Glory of God in Nature* ~ Ludwig van Beethoven  
*Spirit, Working in Creation*

**Gathering Song:** STJ no. 10,

## **Welcome**

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

## **Call to Worship:**

Based on 1 John 5: 9-12 (NIV)

L: We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which He has given about His Son.

**P: Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about His Son.**

L: And this is the testimony:

**P: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.**

## **Prayer**

**Hymn:** HWB no. 518,

*Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart*

**Children's Time:**

Ascension

**Graduation Recognition:**

Lillie Koerner, Graduate of Dordt College

Music Committee Presentation Clara Koerner, Graduate of Freeman Academy

**Sharing Time**

**Congregational Prayer**

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

**Moment-In-Mission:**

CPMC Covenant

**Worship Music:**

**Time of Offering**

**Offertory Invitation**

**Sharing Our Gifts**

*Op. 72, No 3 ~ Mendelssohn*

**Offertory Prayer**

**Hymn:** HWB no. 306,

*In Christ There is No East or West*

**Scripture Reading:** John 17: 1-26 (Pew Bible p. 572)

**Silent Meditation**

**Message:**

That They May be One

**Hymn:** HWB no. 403,

*The Church of Christ in Every Age*

**Benediction:** HWB no. 430,

*God be With You*

**Musical Response**

**Postlude**

*To God Be the Glory ~ William H. Doane, arr. Tornquist*

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**Worship Participants:** Charlene Friesen (accompanist), Monica Hofer (mentor to Clara Koerner), Joline Thomas (music committee presentation), Colin Hofer (moment-in-mission), Madeline & Claire Hofer (worship music arranged by John & Monica Clem) and

Todd Jones (worship leader & message)

## **TODAY**

**Greeters:** Cameron & Rina Hofer

**Coffee Time:** Paul & Priscilla Hofer

**11:10am:** Sunday School

**MW May Project:** cash for MEDA project

**Children's S.S. Spring Project:** First Fruit Community Gardens

## **NEXT SUNDAY : PENTECOST**

**Greeters:** Larry & Brigitta Hofer

**Accompanist:** Elvera Deckert

**Worship Music:** Amos & Tina Decker

**Coffee Time:** Lyndon & Barbie Hofer

## **THIS WEEK**

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

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

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**May 26-30:** Cross-Culture Thailand Trek VBS

**May 31:** VBS Closing Worship, *10:30am*

VBS Celebration Lunch, 11:45am

**June 1:** Freeman Network for Justice & Peace, 11:30am (Library)

**June 2:** Deacons Meeting, 7:30pm (Hofer Residence)

**June 7:** Shalom Readers Kick-Off Pizza Party, 12:00pm

**June 10:** Church Cleaning, 6:30pm

**June 11:** Church Cleaning, 9:00am

**June 18-21:** CPMC Annual Meeting (St. Paul, MN)

**June 30-July 5:** MCUSA Convention (Kansas City, MO)

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

· ***The people of Delmont, SD***

· ***2015 Graduates***

· ***Heather VanMeveren***

· ***Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC): Central Plains Annual***

***Meeting 2015 will take place June 18-21, hosted by the Twin Cities churches. Pray***

*for the many volunteers from host churches and the conference staff as they prepare.*

· **Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** Adam and Jeanette Strode of MMN continue to develop cultural and language competency in Thailand. Pray with them for the ability “to conduct a Bible study and share the gospel in a way that would be intellectually and spiritually significant” to their Thai neighbors.

· **Additional Prayers:**

Just a reminder to please **get your children registered for VBS**. It is difficult to plan or purchase materials when we don't have a head-count of kids coming. You can register at [www.hmcfreeman.org](http://www.hmcfreeman.org) or by calling/texting Brandy Friesen at 940-1493. Also in DIRE need of volunteers, especially crew leaders. Even if you only have a day to donate, anything helps. We can't do this without you... thanks in advance! Brandy and Paige, VBS Directors

Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC) Annual Mtg. will be held in Minneapolis, MN on June 18-21 and the Mennonite Church USA Biennial Convention in Kansas City, MO on June 30-July 5 and you can help in several ways:

1. Pray over these important gatherings;
2. Register soon for CPMC annual mtg. Rates go up June 1.
3. **Financially support** our 2 delegates attending the Mennonite Church USA Convention by placing a **monetary gift in the basket in the church foyer**. Watch Jessica Preheim's peace dove emerge in the offering basket as the donations rise.

**Annual church cleaning** will be scheduled for the second week of June. Wednesday evening, **June 10 at 6:30pm** we will be cleaning the sanctuary and basement. Thursday morning, **June 11 at 9:00am** cleaning in the educational wing will be done. Preliminary jobs and other major jobs will also be assigned. Please allow a few hours in your schedules to participate in this necessary work.

The **Trustees** have placed some **surplus items** in Fellowship Hall that have been in storage . Please look these over and see if there is anything that we need for church use. Put those items back in the storage room (by tables & chairs). Next Sunday, any items that are left will be available to be taken for a donation. Please contact the Trustees if you have any questions.

**Sanford Hospice Freeman** invites friends and family of hospice patients and community members to their annual Celebration of Life memorial service **today, May 17**, 4 pm. at the Arboretum Visitors Center. Registration is not required and the service is open to friends and family who have experienced the death of a loved one in the past 12 months. For more information call LaVonne Brockmueller at 925-2120.

**S.D. MDS** will be working at **Delmont** on **Wed., May 20**. They will be walking fields if it is dry enough, otherwise they will be cleaning up in town. Meet at the Freeman Shopping Center at 7am. Questions? Contact Eldon Berg, 648-3507.

**Mennonite Mission Network is looking to fill a few final positions** in three of our programs for this fall. **Apply by June 1.**

For more info, contact [JohnM@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:JohnM@MennoniteMission.net)

Service Adventure Unit Leaders: Live in a unit house with a small group of youth and offer support as they serve and live in Christian community. Positions open in Albany, Ore. and Albuquerque, N.M. Age: 24+, term: 2 years.

Journey International: Grow spiritually, learn passionately, and serve in Indonesia as a teacher or digital media content creator. Ages 18-27, term: 1 year.

Mennonite Voluntary Service: Serve, live, and grow in places like Chicago, Madison, San Antonio, and Kansas City. Age: 20+, term: 1-2 years.

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