



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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Prelude

The Lord's My Shepherd ~ Irvine
I Surrender All ~ Weeden
Blessed Jesus, At Your Word

Gathering Song: HWB no. 13,

Welcome

Lighting of the Peace Lamp
Passing the Peace

Call to Worship:

John 15: 1-5, NJB

L: Jesus said:

P: I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

Silent Meditation

L: Jesus said:

P: Every branch in Me that bears no fruit He cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes to make it bear even more.

Silent Meditation

L: Jesus said:

P: You are clean already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Remain in Me, as I in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, unless it remains part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in Me.

Silent Meditation

L: Jesus said:

P: I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in Me, with Me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from Me you can do nothing.

Silent Meditation

Prayer

Hymn: HWB no. 373,

Thou True Vine, that Heals

Children's Time:

In Jesus' Name –Part 2

Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Worship Music:

Moment-in-Mission:

Cross-Culture: Thailand Trek

Time of Offering

Offertory Invitation

Sharing Our Gifts

Offertory Prayer

O Rest in the Lord ~ Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

Scripture Reading:

Acts 8: 26-40 (Pew Bible p. 580)

Silent Meditation

Hymn: HWB no. 398,

I Love to Tell the Story

Message:

A Witness to Love

Silent Reflection

Hymn: HWB no. 418,

Move in Our Midst

Benediction: HWB no. 432,

With All My Heart I Offer

Musical Response

Postlude

Alleluia ~ Mozart

Worship Participants: Norma Hofer (accompanist), worship music arranged by Preston & Paige Zachariasen, Brandy Friesen & Paige Zachariasen (moment-in-mission), and Todd Jones (worship leader & message)

TODAY

Greeters: Marcella Glanzer

Coffee Time: Marcella Glanzer

11:10am: Sunday School

6:30pm: Youth Gathering (Waltner Residence)

MW May Project: cash for MEDA project

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

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am: Gathering 58: 6

Greeters: Gordon & Alvina Hofer

Accompanist: Shirley Hofer

Worship Music: S.S. Children

Coffee Time: Dustin & Kym Tschetter

THIS WEEK

Tues.: Deacons Meeting (Clem Residence), 7:30pm

Wed.: Freeman Network for Justice & Peace, 11:30am (Library)

Fri.: Freeman Ministerial, 2:00pm (Living Fountain)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 11: Prayer Shawl, 7:00pm (HMC)

May 13: Freeman Area Baccalaureate Service, 7:00pm (Freeman Community Center)

May 26-30: Cross-Culture Thailand Trek VBS

May 31: VBS Closing Worship, 10:30am

VBS Celebration Lunch, 11:45am

PRAYER CONCERNS

· ***Race Relations***

· ***The people of Nepal***

· ***Heather VanMeveren***

· ***Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC):*** This morning, Rachelle Luitjens will be licensed toward ordination at Sugar Creek Mennonite Church, Wayland, Iowa. Husband Nathan is the full-time pastor, and Rachelle will be installed as half-time pastor of mission and faith formation. Pray for Rachelle, Nathan and the congregation as they adjust to new patterns of ministry together.

· ***Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):*** The deadline to apply for MMN's Mennonite Voluntary Service program is May 31. Pray that those whom God is calling to live out their faith will respond affirmatively.

· ***Additional Prayers:***

We are recruiting **VBS volunteers** (multiple or even single days) for preschool and school age crew leaders and assistants, decorators and miscellaneous assistants; sign-ups for supplies donations will be available, too. Please prayerfully consider how you might assist with this ministry. VBS Directors

Join us next Sunday, May 10 for **Gathering 58: 6** — a monthly fellow-ship focused on Jesus' call to justice and shalom. Fellowship begins at 9:00am in the basement with a light breakfast provided. Come and share; come and listen; or, simply, come to eat. We'd love to have you there!

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

1. Pray over these important gatherings;

2. Consider being a delegate for HMC at the CPMC annual mtg. (if interested, contact Colin Hofer or Pastor Todd). Are you missing your brothers and sisters from Central Plains? You'll get to see them soon if you attend. The worship theme will be Joyfully Following Jesus: Communities Centered in Christ. Children, youth and adults welcome!

3. Financially support our 2 delegates attending the Mennonite Church USA Convention by placing a **monetary gift in the basket in the church foyer.**

Rural Revival will meet tomorrow (Monday), May 4 at 8:00pm in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. You may also visit the website at www.ruralrevival.org.

The next meeting of the **Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** takes place in the Freeman Library Community Room at **11:30 am. on May 6.** All are welcome.

Freeman Baccalaureate Invitation - You are invited to the 2015 Freeman Community Baccalaureate held 8:00pm **Wednesday, May 13th** in the **Community Center**. This worship service offers thanksgiving and seeks God's blessing for the graduating seniors from our two schools, Freeman High School and Freeman Academy. Your association of local churches and faith leaders, the Freeman Ministerial, is arranging this celebration.

Sanford Hospice Freeman invites friends and family of hospice patients and community members to their annual Celebration of Life memorial service on **Sunday, 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.

HELP PEOPLE IN NEPAL: Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is requesting donations to support its response to the 7.8-magnitude earthquake that shook Nepal April 25. Focusing its initial emergency response on hard-hit rural communities, MCC is providing food, tarps, blankets and cooking pots and utensils. A longer-term response will be determined as MCC and its partners assess the situation. Please pray for the people of Nepal and the work of MCC. Donations can be made at mcc.org/nepal-earthquake or by calling 888-563-4676. Checks may be sent to MCC U.S., PO Box 500, Akron, PA, 17501-0500

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