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Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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Prelude

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Welcome

Affirmation of Faith:

"Unison Reading A"

Adapted from Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective

L: We believe in God the Creator of all, who has called forth a people of faith. We believe in Jesus Christ, the Word become flesh, cruci-fied and resurrected for us.

P: He is our Savior from evil and sin, our peace and the exalted Lord of the Church. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the source of redemption and life.

L: We who respond to Christ in faith are His Church, the community called to proclaim and to be a sign of the Kingdom of God, the new people sustained by Scripture and Spirit.

P: Thus we continue the mission of Christ, making disciples, forgiving, restoring, baptizing believers, sharing the Lord's Supper, using our gifts in unity and love.

L: We commit ourselves to follow Jesus Christ, in His path through suffering to life.

P: By grace we are being changed into the image of God, in which God created women and men. As faithful disciples, we hear Christ's call to life

in the Spirit in elation to God, to chastity, stewardship, love for the enemy, to the practice of justice and peace.

L: We joyfully worship the three-in-one God, as a holy nation, the people of God, giving allegiance to Christ as our Lord, living now as if in the age to come.

P: We place our hope in God's everlasting reign, in victory over evil, the resurrection of the dead, in Christ's coming again in judgment and glory.

ALL: To God be the glory!

Prayer

Hymn: STJ no. 35,

Children's Time:Difference Makers

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

Worship Music: There Is a Balm in Gilead (arr. Larry Fleming)

Beulah Land (arr. Esther Wiebe)

Time of Offering
Offertory Invitation
Sharing Our Gifts
Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading: Zephaniah 1: 7 & 12-18 (Pew Bible p. 495) **Silent Meditation**

Hymn: STJ no. 40, As Rain from the Clouds

Message: The Strength to Fly

Hymn: HWB no. 116, Crown Him with Many Crowns

Benediction

Musical Response

Postlude

Worship Participants: Amy Hofer Vetch (piano), Freeman Under 40 Men's Ensemble (worship music), and Todd Jones (worship leader, children's story & message)

PRAYER CONCERNS

- · Glenda Langeland
- · Lance & Lacey Friesen (birth of Henry Steven Friesen born 11/14/14)
- **Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC):** The Ecuador Partnership convenes in Quito this weekend for a weeklong meeting. Pray for God's guidance and blessing as representatives of CPMC Central Plains, Mennonite Churches of Ecuador (ICAME), Colombia Mennonite Church (IMCOL) and MMN meet.
- **Mennonite Mission Network (MMN)**: Praise God for two recent events that fostered dialogue and nurtured unity among Israeli Christian Arabs and Messianic Jews. Pray for the MMN personnel who have ministered long-term in the Middle East breaking down barriers that divide people.

TODAY

Greeters: Todd Koerner family

Coffee Time: Vernon & Twyla Hofer

11:10am: Sunday School

MW November Project: Cash for CPMC Mennonite Women **Children's S.S. Fall Quarter Project:** Sole Hope in Uganda

NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Les & Mary Rensink

Organ: Phyllis Hofer

Music: Sarah Stahl and Tom Stahl

Coffee Time: Jonathan & Angeline Mendel

THIS WEEK

Tues.: Worship Committee, 7:00pm

Thurs.: Church Board, 7:00pm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 27: Thanksgiving Day Fellowship, 9:30am

Thanksgiving Day Worship, 10:00am

Dec. 1: HMC Annual Meeting, 7:00pm

Please send **bulletin announcements** to hutterthal@goldenwest.net or give to Edie. **Deadline is Thursday noon**.

You have the opportunity to become part of the **prayer shawl ministry** during coffeetime **today**. This ministry has provided comfort and hope for many at a time when most needed. **Make checks payable to HMC Mennonite Women** and indicate Prayer Shawl in the memo line.

Throughout the Seasons of Advent and Christmas we will be celebrating "family." During these seasons, **you are invited** to bring a "Christmas" card picture of your family, your "Christmas Letter", or a Christmas Card that you will be sending out as part of our "Family Christmas" display on the bulletin board in the foyer by the sanctuary entrance.

Freeman Academy's annual benefit auction is scheduled for Saturday, **November 22** with doors opening at 5:00 p.m. to view auction items. We are especially excited about hosting "Rock Garden Tour" from SD Public Radio as part of our evening entertainment! The meal will be served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. with the program and auction immediately following. The committee welcomes donations of baked goods and other items that are new or gently used. Please contact Krista Graber at krista@sdnafvsa.com or 925-4736 prior to November 14. Everyone is invited to attend a unique evening of fellowship and fundraising!

If you would like to give a **Christmas gift** to a patient at the South Dakota Human Services Center, see the bulletin board for details.