



# Hutterthal Mennonite Church

*Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving*

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## MENNONITE HERITAGE SUNDAY

October 25, 2015

### **Prelude**

*How Firm a Foundation* ~ arr. Mark Hayes

**Lighting of the Peace Candle:** HWB no. 697

### ***Silence***

### **Welcome**

**Passing the Peace**

**Prayer**

### **Call to Worship**

L: Sing aloud with gladness. Proclaim and give praise!

**P: We come before God, a people struggling to live lives of faithfulness.**

L: The Lord our God has gathered us. With weeping we draw near, and with wonder we sing God's praise.

**P: Let our mouths be filled with laughter and our tongues shout with joy.**

***ALL: For the Lord has done great things!***

**Hymn:** HWB no. 102,

HWB no. 86,

*To God be the Glory  
Now Thank We All Our God*

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

**Scripture Reading:** Mark 10: 46-52 (Pew Bible p. 535)

**Children's Time:** Trick or Treat

**Worship Music**

**Time of Offering**  
**The Invitation**  
**Sharing Our Gifts** *Surrender All* ~ Winfield S. Weeden  
**Prayer** arr. Fred Bock

**Hymn:** HWB no. 384, *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

**Scripture Reading:** Jeremiah 31: 7-9 (Pew Bible p. 414)

L: For thus says the Lord:

***ALL: "Sing with gladness for Jacob, And shout among the chief of the nations; Proclaim, give praise, and say, 'O Lord, save Your people, The remnant of Israel!' Behold, I will bring them from the north country, And gather them from the ends of the earth, Among them the blind and the lame, The woman with child And the one who labors with child, together; A great throng shall return there. They shall come with weeping, And with supplications I will lead them. I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters, In a straight way in which they shall not stumble; For I am a Father to Israel, And Ephraim is My firstborn."***

***Silent Meditation***

**Message:** Restoration

**Hymn:** HWB no. 483, *O God, Who Gives Us Life*

**Benediction**

L: Holy Spirit, walk with us each day as we encounter people striving for meaning.

**P: We stand before You with open hands ready to accept Your wisdom.**

L: Send us to our neighbors, willing to share Your good news.

***ALL: Dwell in us. Energize and renew us with Your love so that we may take heart and share what Jesus is offering to all people. Amen.***

## **Postlude**

*Let All Things Now Living ~ arr. Lloyd Larson*

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**Worship Participants:** Charlene Friesen (accompanist), Ladies Group (worship music) and Todd Jones (children's time and message)

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

· ***Jason & Stacy (Hofer) Medina***

· ***Gordon Hofer***

· ***James Krabill—Harvest Mission Fest***

· ***Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC) Pray for the CPMC Board as they meet next Friday & Saturday in the Twin Cities***

· ***Mennonite Mission Network (MMN): Praise God for the 27 Latin American women theologians who attended Mennonite World***

***Conference and led in the formation of a global Anabaptist network of women theologians. Pray for many of them who partner with MMN in their local contexts.***

· ***Additional Prayers:***

## **TODAY**

**Greeters:** Dennis & Marcia Schrock

**9:45am:** Worship Service

**Coffee Time:** Delmer & Shirley Hofer

**11:05am:** Sunday School for all ages

**MW October Project:** Relief Kits

**Children's S.S. Fall Project:** Food Pantry

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

**Greeters:** Cameron & Rina Hofer

**Accompanist:** Shirley Hofer

**Worship Music:** Delmer & Shirley Hofer

**Coffee Time:** LeRoy & Kathy Pullman

## **THIS WEEK**

**Wed., 7:00pm:** Music Committee

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Nov. 1:** Harvest Mission Fest feat. James Krabill

**Nov. 2:** 8:00pm Rural Revival (Freeman Library)

**Nov. 3:** Oral Interpretation Districts (Mitchell)

**Nov. 4:** 11:30am Freeman Network for Justice & Peace (Library)

7:00pm Mennonite Women annual meeting

**The quilt** currently on display was presented to the Freeman Network for Justice and Peace (FNJP) by “The Horizons Team” of Wagner, SD with whom FNJP is currently in relationship working toward community-to-community relationships. The quilt was stitched by Margaret Zephier and speaks to the common vision of establishing dialogue between neighbors (specifically, the Yankton Sioux Nation and the surrounding European settlers).

**Attention ladies:** If you have an annual report for the Mennonite Women annual meeting, please submit it to Amanda Mettler **by today**.

Please get all **Reports for the Annual Report Book** to Edie by **Oct. 30** (financial reports as soon as possible after bank statements arrive).

Next Sunday, in celebration of Harvest Mission Fest, the monetary gifts collected during our time of offering (unless indicate) will *not* be used toward HMC’s general expenses.

**The Harvest Mission Fest offering distribution** will be as follows: 80% Mennonite Mission Network; 20% Central Plains Mennonite Conference.

**LADIES OF HUTTERTHAL** - Please come to our annual MW meeting on Wednesday, **November 4th, at 7:00 P.M.** Please bring along the Volunteer List you received in your mailboxes.

**A Blue Christmas** – “Comfort, comfort my people”, says God. There are many moments in our lives when we need comfort. There are tough times when we yearn for consolation. The suffering people who looked for the long-awaited Messiah were given a hope-filled image of God in the writings of Isaiah. It expresses the belief that no matter what happens

to us, God will be there to comfort and support us. Holidays can be a time for many when we are in need of that reassurance and comfort. Perhaps we are grieving over the loss of a loved one, struggling with illness, or have experienced the loss of a job. We wonder how we will get through the holidays. Salem Mennonite (South Church) extends an invitation to join them for a “Blue Christmas” service on November 1 at 7:00 PM. The service is reflective, with a focus on hope and healing utilizing scripture, music and prayer.

**Swan Lake Christian Camp** will be hosting the 2nd annual “**Piano Night at the Lake**” fundraising event on **November 21**. The evening begins at 6:00 pm. A five course meal will be served while you are entertained with piano music from Ken Mannes, Austin Unruh, Pauline Buller, Carol Flower along with stringed music from sisters Yolanda and Lennea Clark. Freewill donations will be accepted and will help with completion of the new retreat center. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Please call the camp at 605-326-5690 to reserve your seat.

The **annual Minn-Kota Relief Sale meeting** will be held at Bethel Mennonite Church in Mountain Lake, MN at **6:30 p.m.** on Saturday, **October 31**. The program will feature music and storytelling about the work of Mennonite Central Committee and an offering will go towards easing the suffering of Syrian refugees. Longtime worker with MCC, Les Gustafson-Zook is a musician and storyteller, currently working as the MCC North American Relief Sale Coordinator. With a case full of novel homemade instruments, Les introduces the relief, development and peacemaking work of MCC using stories and songs. Join us for a fun, entertaining and informative presentation. All are welcome. Plan now to attend.

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