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Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY October 4, 2015

Prelude

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

L: Light, precious light,

P: the light of Christ shines!

L: Open your eyes and see: peace, Christ's peace driving out all the darkness;

P: peace, Jesus' peace bearing hope and revealing joy;

ALL: peace, Christ's peace!

L: Let us rest in this peace and reflect this peace.

Silence

Welcome

Passing the Peace

Prayer

Call to Worship:

The Table with No Edges (adapted), by Andrew King

L: Sit down where feet tire from the journey, where grief bends the back. Sit down under roofs wrecked by artillery, where cries sound from cracked walls. Sit down where heat beats like hammers, where flesh shivers in cold. Sit down where bread

bakes on thin charcoal, where there is no grain in baked fields. Sit down with those who dwell in ashes, with those who dwell in shadow and in light.

P: We sit down to make friends out of strangers, our cup filled with new wine. We sit down that love may flow like language, even where speech needs no words.

L: We sit together at the table with no edges.

ALL: We sit and share one loaf, in Christ's name, in one world.

Gathering Songs: HWB no. 602,

Lift Up Your Hearts

HWB no. 21,

All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord

Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Children's Time:

All Kinds of Kinds

Time of Offering
Offertory Invitation
Sharing Our Gifts
Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading: Silent Meditation 1 Corinthians 11: 23-34 (Pew Bible p. 607)

Hymn: HWB no. 450,

Here in Our Upper Room

Message:

A Fair Amount to Do

Communion

Hymn: HWB no. 463,

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Benediction:

Carmina Gadelica III

L: The love and affection of the angels be to you;

P: The love and affection of the saints be to you;

ALL: The love and affection of heaven be to you,

L: to guard you and to cherish you.

Musical Response

Postlude

Worship Participants: Dave Friesen (guitar), Edie Tschetter (accompanist) Monica Clem, Monica Hofer & Todd Koerner (Communion servers) and Todd Jones (children's time and message)

PRAYER CONCERNS

- · Gordon Hofer
- · Pastor Max Villatoro & Family
- · Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC) Today Joel Beachy will be installed and licensed towards ordination at East Union Mennonite Church, Kalona, Iowa. Pray for Joel and the congregation as they begin their ministry together.
- **Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** Do you have a ministry of hospitality or the gift of maintenance skills? Perhaps God is calling you to serve for a year at The Hermitage, a contemplative community in southern Michigan. Contact SOOP program coordinator: ArloaB@MennoniteMission.net.
- · Additional Prayers:

TODAY - World Communion Sunday

Greeters: Norman & Darlene Hofer

9:45am: Worship Service

Coffee Time: Merlin & Sylvia Hofer **11:05am:** Sunday School for all ages **MW October Project:** Relief Kits

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Marcella Glanzer **Accompanist:** Norma Hofer **Worship Music:** Calvin Hofer

Coffee Time: Bruce & Monica Hofer

9:00am: Gathering 58: 6

3:00pm: Connection! Board Meeting

THIS WEEK

Mon: 8:00pm Rural Revival (Freeman Library—www.ruralrevival.org)

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

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

Thurs.: 7:00pm Worship (Salem Mennonite Home)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 15: 8:00pm Church Board

Oct. 18: Freeman Academy @ HMC

Oct. 20: 9:15am Pastor-Peer (Sioux Falls)

Oct. 28: November Connection! Deadline

Nov. 1: Harvest Mission Fest feat. James Krabill

TODAY, along with churches around the world, we will celebrate **World Communion Sunday**. Please note that we celebrate an "open table" and *all* who know Christ as Lord and Savior and are seeking to live by faith are welcome to participate in the sharing of the bread and the cup. As part of our celebration that morning, you are also asked to consider contributing to the **Benevolent Fund**, which is overseen by the Deacons and is used to assist persons who are suffering acute financial need. (If you or someone you know are in financial distress, please contact one of our Deacons who can assist you confidentially).

As we prepare for **Harvest Mission Fest 2015**, the Deacons are seeking housing for our guest speaker, James Krabill of Mennonite Mission Network. James will fly into Sioux Falls on Saturday, October 31 and will fly out of Sioux Falls on Tuesday, November 3. The host family will *not* have to provide all of the meals during his stay as several meals have already been arranged. It should also be noted that James will be renting a car during his stay and will not have special travel needs. Those interested in hosting or knowing more are asked to contact Pastor Todd. Thank you!

The **Freeman Academy Studio Subscription Series** opens their 2015-2016 season with Patty Kramer and Karl Graber, voice and piano. The concert begins at **4:00 pm TODAY** and will be at the Salem-Zion (North) Mennonite Church in rural Freeman. Tickets, which include a dessert reception, can be purchased at the door: Season \$60/adult and \$24/student (K-12) or single event admission \$15/adult and \$8/student (K-12). For further information see the Freeman Courier or contact Amy Hofer Vetch at

605-925-4237 Ext. 240 or by email ahofer@freemanacademy.org.

The Freeman Network for Justice & Peace will meet in the Freeman Public Library on Wed., **Oct. 7, at 11:30am**. Please join us.

Sarah (Rensink) Waltner and Rachel Simington (Rensink) will be the featured speakers for a women's retreat at Ingham Okoboji Bible Camp in Okoboji October 10th-11th. They would love to have some women from their home church join them. Sarah & Rachel hope to encourage you as they pool their love for the Lord and His Word and share their passion to help others not miss out on the adventure of following Christ. Come hear about the funny and real ways God uses two very real women and never ceases to amaze them! Come share in the spunk joy and depth of sisterhood! Cost is \$79 for the weekend, including Friday night lodging. If desired, group rates also available. Meals provided. More details at http://www.okoboji.org/program/adult/womensretreat/

MW PROJECT UPDATE: (Use this, not the one in the *Connection!)* GIVE \$50 to MW Treas. Ardella and Sharon Waltner will purchase your kit items **OR** purchase your own: **Contents (NEW items only, in original packaging)**

4 large bars bath soap

1 plastic bottle shampoo (13–24 oz; place in resealable plastic bag)

4 large bars laundry soap (Some stores carry Fels Naptha®, Sunlight® or Zote® brands)

4 adult-size toothbrushes

4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors)

2 wide-tooth combs (6-8 in)

1 fingernail clipper (good quality)

1 box adhesive bandages (minimum 40 count, assorted)

1 package sanitary pads (18–24 count thin maxi)

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