



# Hutterthal Mennonite Church

*Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving*

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## **Prelude**

*My Jesus I Love Thee  
What A Friend We Have in Jesus*

## **Lighting of the Peace Lamp**

## **Welcome**

### **Passing the Peace**

## **Call to Worship:**

adapted from Psalm 19

L: The heavens sing of the glory of God;

**P: The skies harmonize over the beauty of God's work.**

L: Day after day praise pours forth from them;

**P: Night after night they tell the story.**

L: There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.

**P: Their voices go out into all the earth, saying,**

***ALL: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.***

**P: The teaching of the Lord is trustworthy, making wise the simple.**

L: The truths of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.

**P: The commands of the Lord radiate, giving light to the eyes.**

L: Reverence for the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

**P: The ordinances of the Lord are sure and altogether righteous.**

L: They are more precious than gold, pure gold;

**P: They are sweeter than honey straight from the comb.**

L: By them we are protected;

**P: And in keeping them there is great reward.**

L: The heavens sing of the glory of God;

***ALL: Let us sing as well. Amen.***

## **Prayer**

**Gathering Songs:** HWB no. 17,  
HWB no. 36,

*We Gather Together  
God of Our Strength*

## **Sharing Time**

**Congregational Prayer**

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

## **Children's Time:**

The Power of Words

## **Worship Music:**

### **Time of Offering**

**Offertory Invitation**

**Sharing Our Gifts**

**Offertory Prayer**

*Blessed Assurance*

### **Scripture Reading:**

**Silent Meditation**

Isaiah 50: 4-9 (Pew Bible p. 386)

### **Hymn:** HWB no. 486,

*God of Our Life*

### **Message:**

A Learned Tongue

## **Sunday School Staff Dedication**

### **Hymn:** HWB no. 487,

*Teach Me, O Lord*

## **Benediction**

## **Musical Response**

### **Postlude**

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**Worship Participants:** Elvera Deckert (accompanist), S.S. children (worship music) , Todd Jones (children's time and message), and Larry Tschetter & Becky McCune (Teachers Dedication)

### ***PRAYER CONCERNS***

- ***Gordon Hofer***
- ***Kathryn Hofer*** (transitioning to Oakview Terrace)
- ***Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC)*** Next weekend, Mennonite Women hosts a retreat for Central Plains women at Swan Lake Christian Camp, Viborg, South Dakota. Pray for a time of spiritual growth and refreshment for the women who attend.
- ***Mennonite Mission Network (MMN)***: Pray for MMN's Mennonite Voluntary Service households as they settle in to community life in Alamosa, Colorado; Elkhart, Indiana; Kansas City, Kansas; Madison, Wisconsin; Manhattan and Rochester, New York; San Antonio; San Francisco; Seattle; Tucson, Arizona; and Washington, D.C.
- ***Additional Prayers:***

### **TODAY**

**Greeters:** Ray & Joyce Hofer

**9:45am:** Worship Service

**Coffee Time:** Colin & Michelle Hofer

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

**MW Sept. Project:** Cash - Mennonite Women USA

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

**Sept. 13, 3:30 & 5:30pm:** Youth Volleyball Tourn. & Church Picnic

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**Greeters:** Delmer & Shirley Hofer

**Accompanist:** Amy Hofer Vetch

**Worship Music:** Aprille Hofer

**Coffee Time:** Gordon & Sharon Waltner

## **THIS WEEK**

**Mon., 7:00pm:** Prayer Shawl (HMC)

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

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

**Sat-Sun:** Women's Retreat (Swan Lake Christian Camp)

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sep. 23:** *Connection!* Deadline

2:00pm, Deacons Meeting (Kairos)

**Oct. 4:** World Communion Sunday

**Oct. 6:** 7:30pm, Deacons Meeting (M. Hofer Residence)

**Oct. 7:** 11:30am, Freeman Network for Justice & Peace (Library)

**Oct. 8:** 10am, Freeman Ministerial (North Church)

**Oct. 18:** Freeman Academy @ HMC

**Nov. 1:** Harvest Mission Fest

**Youth Volley Tournament: TODAY at 3:30pm**, at the Freeman Pool Park. All ages are welcome to play! Please **sign your team members up on the signup sheet** in the foyer. We ask that players pledge a Free Will Donation to play. Bars and coffee will be served for spectators and players!

**TODAY** we will have our **annual church picnic** at the swimming pool park. We will provide hot dogs, buns, and condiments. **Please bring a salad or dessert to share.** **Also please bring your own drink.** We will start eating **around 5:30**. We hope you will be able to join us for some fun and fellowship.

**September 20** will mark **six months** since **Pastor Max Villatoro's deportation**. The Freeman Network for Justice and Peace is gathering for a prayer vigil for Max and his family. We'll spend time in prayer and share updates on Max's situation. We hope to hear from Pastor Tim Detweiler. He traveled to Honduras with the Villatoro children to visit their father. Please join us at **4:00 p.m.** outside Freeman City Offices on **Sunday, September 20**. You may bring a chair if you like. All are welcome. Friends of Pastor Max is also suggesting calls to the Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson letting him know we are praying for Max's return. Information can be found on the [www.friendsofpastormax.org](http://www.friendsofpastormax.org) It is important that we let Secretary Johnson know we are

have not forgotten Max.

The **Freeman Academy Benefit Auction** date has moved to **Saturday, September 26**. Activities begin at 3:30 p.m. with cart rides through the Prairie Arboretum and a barrel ride for young children along with a Coffee Shoppe in the Link of Sterling Hall. Doors will open for the pulled pork sandwich meal at 5:00 p.m. and folks will have opportunities to view the auction items. The live auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. Early events and the meal will be by free-will donations. Contact Vernetta Waltner at 925-4237, ext. 235 or [vwaltner@freemanacademy.org](mailto:vwaltner@freemanacademy.org) for information.

The **Freeman Junior College and Freeman Academy Corporation** will hold its **annual meeting on Sat., September 26**, in the Sterling Hall Band Room. The business meeting will begin at **4:00 pm PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE AND TIME!** Please contact Vernetta Waltner at [vwaltner@freemanacademy.org](mailto:vwaltner@freemanacademy.org) if you have any questions. We invite everyone to stay for the Benefit Auction activities following the meeting.

The **Swiss Choral Society will begin rehearsals** for its annual concert on **Sunday, September 27, at 7pm**. Felix Mendelssohn's masterwork "Elijah" will be performed for this year's concert sea-son. Rehearsals will take place at Salem (South) Mennonite Church and continue on into the Fall. Singers will be asked to bring their own scores as limited scores are available for rental. Dan Graber will serve as director along with Debra Schmeichel as organist. University of South Dakota voice professor, Brandon Hendrickson will sing the part of Elijah. The performance is slated for Friday, November 27 at :30pm. All singers are welcome to attend.

The **Freeman Regional Health Services Auxiliary** is in need of individuals willing to embroider tea towels which are sold as a fundraiser for the Auxiliary's work of supporting Freeman Medical Center and Oakview Terrace. If you are willing to embroider, please contact Amanda Mettler.

**Leave or stay? Many Syrian families face that question** as international humanitarian assistance dwindles and the patchwork of resources they used to rely on wears thin. Your gift of money helps MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE continue to provide food, water, rent assistance and winter supplies so families that decide to stay in the region can survive the cold weather ahead. Please give online at [mcc.org/syria-iraq](http://mcc.org/syria-iraq); by phone at 1-888-563-4676; or by check, sent to MCC U.S., P.O. Box 500, Akron, PA 17501.

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