



# Hutterthal Mennonite Church

*Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving*

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PEACE SUNDAY  
September 27, 2015

## **Prelude**

*The Heavens Are Telling~Haydn*  
*O rest in the Lord~Mendelsohn-Bartholdy*

## **Lighting of the Peace Lamp (in unison)**

***God of peace, Christ of peace, Spirit of peace, You are calling us to be peacemakers — in our homes, in our church, in our community, in our world. Today, we light this lamp as a re-minder of our calling.***

## **Welcome**

### **Passing the Peace**

## **Call to Worship:**

based on Philippians 2: 1-4

L: We gather at the Body of Christ;

**P: We gather in community with God and one another.**

L: If we've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if His love has made any difference in our lives, if being a community of the Spirit means anything, if we have hearts, if we care — then do us all a favor:

**P: We shall strive to be like-minded, loving one another even in the midst of disagreements, and living together as one.**

L: Striving to live in the fullness of Christ as His Body:

**P: We gather as a witness to Christ's reconciling love.**

L: We come to this place to worship;

***ALL: We come to this place to discover what it means to be the Church.***

## **Prayer**

**Gathering Songs:** STJ no. 5,  
HWB no. 26,

*Come and be Light for Our Eyes  
Holy Spirit, Come with Power*

## **Sharing Time**

**Congregational Prayer**

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

**Children's Time:**

Tug of War

## **Worship Music:**

### **Time of Offering**

**Offertory Invitation**

**Sharing Our Gifts**

**Offertory Prayer**

*But the Lord is Mindful of His Own- Mendelsohn-Bartholdy*

**Scripture Reading:**

Micah 4: 1-8 (Pew Bible p. 490)

**Silent Meditation**

**Hymn:** HWB no. 77,

*God of Many Names*

**Message:**

The Peaceable Kingdom

**Hymn:** HWB no. 145,

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

**Benediction:**

HWB no. 774

L: May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant us to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together we may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

***ALL: Amen.***

## **Musical Response**

## Postlude

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**Worship Participants:** Norma Hofer (accompanist), worship music arranged by Bruce & Monica Hofer and Todd Jones (children's time and message)

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

- **Gordon Hofer**
- **Pastor Max Villatoro & Family**
- **Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC)** *This weekend the Central Plains Christian Formation Committee is meeting for a planning retreat. Pray for God's guidance and wisdom as they consider how best to provide faith formation resources for our con-gregations. Today David Nickel is installed as pastor at First Mennonite Church, Lincoln. Pray for David and the congregation as they begin their ministry together.*
- **Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** *Today is Peace Sunday. Pray that materials created by MMN's Peace and Justice Support Network will help Mennonite congregations speak out against the violence of racism within the church and in our societies throughout the coming year.*
- **Additional Prayers:**

### **TODAY**

**Greeters:** Vernon & Twyla Hofer

**9:45am:** Worship Service

**Coffee Time:** Dennis & Marcia Schrock

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

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

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

**NEXT SUNDAY - World Communion Sunday**

**Greeters:** Norman & Darlene Hofer

**Accompanist:** Edie Tschetter/David Friesen

**Worship Music:** Worship Committee

**Coffee Time:** Merlin & Sylvia Hofer

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**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

On October 4, 2015, 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 @ 925-7186 or via email at [pastortodd@goldenwest.net](mailto:pastortodd@goldenwest.net). Thank you!

The **Swiss Choral Society will begin rehearsals** for its annual concert **this evening, 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.

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/>

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