



# Hutterthal Mennonite Church

*Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving*

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## **Prelude**

*How Great Thou Art*

## **Welcome**

## **Call to Worship:**

L: Turn away from sin, turn away from endless striving;

**P: Jesus, help us to turn from the things of this world and follow You.**

L: Turn away from selfish ambition and conceit;

**P: Jesus, help us to turn away from the attitudes of this world and follow You.**

L: Turn to the poor, the homeless, the downtrodden;

**P: Jesus, help us to turn and embrace Your Gospel of love.**

L: Turn to the outcast, the marginalized, the imprisoned;

**P: Jesus, help us to turn and embrace Your Gospel of love.**

L: Turn from the ways of this world;

**P: Jesus, help us to turn and embrace Your Way.**

## **Opening Prayer**

**Hymn:** HWB no. 13,

*Blessed Jesus, At Your Word*

**Children's Time:**

Our Servant King

**Sharing Time**

**Congregational Prayer**

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

**Worship Music:**

*Power Walk (Robert D. Vandall)*

*Turtle Troop (Margaret Goldston)*

**Time of Offering**

**Offertory Invitation**

**Sharing Our Gifts**

**Offering Prayer**

*Amazing Grace*

**Scripture Reading:**

Philippians 2: 1-11 (Pew Bible p. 620)

**Silent Meditation**

**Hymn:** HWB no. 463,

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

**Message:**

A Relevant Church

**Hymn:** HWB no. 288,

*Rejoice, the Lord is King!*

**Benediction**

**Musical Response**

**Postlude**

*God Will Take Care of You*

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**Worship Assistants:** Phyllis Hofer (organ), Todd Jones (worship leader, children's time & message), & Hannah Jones (worship music arranged by LeRoy & Kathy Pullman)

**PRAYER CONCERNS/PRAISES**

- **Melvin Glanzer**
- **Harvest Mission Fest** featuring Pastor Shana Peachey Boshart

- **Family of Bret Buller** (nephew of Mary Rensink who passed away 9/17, age 44)
- **From CPMC:** Today Dave Schooley will be licensed toward ordination at Eicher Emmanuel Mennonite Church in rural Wayland, Iowa. Pray that Dave and the congregation will together be guided by the Holy Spirit to witness to the gospel in their community.
- **From MMN:** David Shenk, serving though MMN, is representing Quito Mennonite Church's ministry among refugees at a forum that includes not-for-profit organizations and government officials who are working on a city ordinance about the social inclusion of migrant groups. Pray that David and his colleagues will be able to promote justice in Ecuador through this process.

## **TODAY**

**Greeters:** LaVonne Tschetter & Monica Hofer

**Coffee Time:** Dennis & Marcia Schrock

**11:10am:** Sunday School

**MW September project:** Cash - Mennonite Women USA

**Children's S.S. Fall Quarter Project:** Sole Hope in Uganda

## **NEXT SUNDAY: WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**Greeters:** Gordon & Alvina Hofer

**Organ:** Edie Tschetter/Dave Friesen

**Music:** Worship Committee

**Coffee Time:** Merlin & Sylvia Hofer

## **THIS WEEK:**

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

**Thurs.:** Freeman Ministerial, 10am

Worship, 7pm, Salem Mennonite Home

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Oct. 12:** Gathering 58: 6, 9am

Worship featuring Freeman Academy Band and Choir

**Oct. 13:** Prayer Shawl, 7:00pm

**Oct. 14:** Deacons Meeting, 7:30pm @ Hofer Residence

**Oct. 16:** Church Board, 7:30pm

**Oct. 18-19:** Harvest Mission Fest

## **Nov. 10-11: MCC Meat Canning @ John Deere in Freeman**

Please send **bulletin announcements** to [hutterthal@goldenwest.net](mailto:hutterthal@goldenwest.net) or give to Edie.  
**Deadline is Thursday noon.**

The **women's choir** will be sharing in worship on October 19 for Harvest Mission Fest. **Rehearsals** for this will be Wednesdays: **October 1, 8 & 15** at 8:00 pm. Come join us in song! Amy

**Next Sunday, October 5**, we will celebrate **World Communion Sunday**. All who have received Christ are welcome and encouraged to share at Christ's table. Please note that the morning will also include a special offering for the Benevolent Fund. The Benevolent Fund is used to assist in meeting the acute financial needs that arise due to loss of employment, health, or other financial stressors. If you have a financial need or know of someone in need, please speak to one of our Deacons (Monica Clem, Todd Koerner, or Monica Hofer) who will confidentially assist you.

The **Fund Raising Committee** will receive donations for Freeman Academy on October 5th and 12th in the Library. Prayerfully consider how you can contribute to this important endeavor. Thank You.

The **Freeman Junior College and Freeman Academy Corporation** will hold its **annual meeting on September 29**, in the Pioneer Hall Dining Hall. The business meeting will begin at **7:30 p.m.** Refreshments will be served following the meeting. All corporation members are encouraged to attend.

The **Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** will be meeting at Wed., Oct. 1 at 11:30am in the Freeman Public Library Community Room. All are welcome, bring your lunch!

**ARE YOU HEADING SOUTH TO** take part in Bethel College Fall Fest on October 16-19? The Freeman MCC office is filled with items needing a ride to the N. Newton MCC office. Even if you only have room for a school kit or two, please contact Elizabeth Janssen at 925-4859. Let's move this blessing on to those who need it most!

## Message Notes:

Theme: Ecclesiology

# “A Relevant Church”

September 28, 2014

**Scripture Reading:** Philippians 2: 1-11 (Pew Bible p. 620)

## Defining Relevance

**1 Corinthians 9: 20-23** - “To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God’s law but am under Christ’s law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.” (NIV)

**John 18: 38b** - “What is truth?” (NKJV)

**Matthew 4: 17** - “Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand!” (NKJV)

**John 14: 9c** - “He who has seen Me has seen the Father.”

**John 14: 6b** - “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” (NKJV)

**1 Peter 5: 8a** - “Be sober, be vigilant.” (NKJV)

## If the Church is to be relevant then:

**1) we must \_\_\_\_\_!**

**Ephesians 4: 15-16** - “... may grow up into Him who is the head—Christ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.” (NKJV)

**Revelation 3: 16b-19** - “You’re stale. You’re stagnant. You make Me want to vomit. You brag, ‘I’m rich, I’ve got it made, I need nothing from anyone,’ oblivious that in fact you’re a pitiful, blind beggar, threadbare and homeless. Here’s what I want you to do: Buy your gold from Me, clothes designed in Heaven. You’ve gone around half-naked long enough. And buy medicine for your eyes from Me so you can see, *really* see. The people I love, I

call to account—prod and correct and guide so that they’ll live at their best. Up on your feet, then! About face! Run after God!” (MSG)

**2) we must \_\_\_\_\_!**

**John 13: 15-16** - “I am your example; keep doing what I do. I tell you the truth: a servant is not greater than the master. Those who are sent are not greater than the one who sends them. If you know these things, and if you put them in to practice, you will find happiness.” (The Voice)