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Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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**Prelude** Bach

**Lighting of the Peace Lamp** 

Welcome

**Passing the Peace** 

# **Call to Worship**

L: By faith, our ancestors followed God into the wilderness;

P: By faith, they found the place God had promised them.

L: By hope, we follow Jesus the Christ;

P: By hope, we work for justice and reconciliation.

L: By love, Jesus went to the cross and died for us.

P: By love, we give our very lives to Christ.

L: May we enter this time of worship with our hearts opened;

P: May we be prepared to give our lives to Christ, to follow Jesus

ALL: In faith, in hope, and in love.

**Prayer** 

**Gathering Songs:** HWB no. 69, The Lord is King

Praise with Joy the World's Creator

STJ no. 16,

**Sharing Time** 

**Congregational Prayer** 

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Worship Music: HWB no. 143, Amazing Grace

Time of Offering
Offertory Invitation
Sharing Our Gifts
Offertory Prayer

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 35: 1-10 (Pew Bible p. 376)

**Silent Meditation** 

**Children's Time:** Patience

**Hymn:** HWB no. 606, Oh, Have You Not Heard

**Message:** A Word Out of Place

**Hymn:** HWB no. 295, Christ is Coming! Let Creation

**Benediction** 

**Musical Response** 

**Postlude** 

**Worship Participants:** Edie Tschetter (organ), Hannah Jones (flute), worship music arranged by Lyndon & Barbie Hofer and Todd Jones (children's time and message)

**TODAY** 

**Greeters:** Vernon & Norma Hofer

9:45am: Worship Service

Coffee Time: Vernon & Norma Hofer

11:05am: Sunday School for all ages

MW Sept. Project: Cash - Mennonite Women USA

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

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**9:00am:** Gathering 58: 6

**Greeters:** Delmer & Shirley Hofer

**Accompanist:** Elvera Deckert **Worship Music:** Aprille Hofer

S.S. Staff Dedication

Coffee Time: Colin & Michelle Hofer

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

#### **THIS WEEK**

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

Wed., 6:30pm: Supper Fellowship Bible Study (Stan & Jill's home)

Sat., 9:00am-2:00pm: Protect children workshop (South Ch.)

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sept. 14, 7:00pm:** Prayer Shawl (HMC)

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

Sept. 17, 7:30pm: Church Board mtg.

Sept. 19-20: Women's Retreat (Swan Lake Christian Camp)

## PRAYER CONCERNS

- · Gordon Hofer
- · **Central Plains Mennonite Conference** (CPMC) Join the members of the Northside church in Omaha, Nebraska, in prayer for a pastor who can join in their ministries and enhance the Anabaptist witness in North Omaha.
- · **Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** Amanda and Gamaliel Falla of MMN serve as mentors to Mennonite pastors in Colombia. Pray for the Fallas as they encourage Colombian pastors to make their relationship with God top priority. Ask God to provide the resources for their

their relationship with God top priority. Ask God to provide the resources for their families' needs.

· Additional Prayers:

Youth Volley Tournament: Sunday, Sept. 13, 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!

On September 13th 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 & your own drink**. We will start eating **around 5:30**. We hope you will be able to join us for some fun and fellowship. We are looking for two people to bring their grills to the park. Contact Jill or Kylea if you can help us. Thank you!

**Rural Revival** will meet tomorrow, September 7 at 8:00pm in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome. Visit the website at www.ruralrevival.org.

**Heritage Hall Museum and Archives** will host a Historical Society program on **Tuesday, September 8**, featuring historian **Gary Waltner** as he talks about the Museum's beautiful collection of Hutterite pottery and the history behind their creation. The program will be held at the **Prairie Arboretum Visitor Center** at **7 p.m.** Admission will be charged. Historical Society members are admitted for free. Contact Kelsey Ortman at 888-595-9755 or email museum@freemaninfo.com with questions.

**Sept. 12 (Saturday**) – Preparing Faith Communities to Protect Children and Youth Workshop presented by Dove's Nest of Omaha, NE. (http://www.dovesnest.net) This **workshop** is geared to anyone working with children and youth – teachers, youth workers, etc. The workshop will be from  $\mathbf{9} - \mathbf{2:30}$  at **Salem Mennonite Church** (South). Contact Dave Friesen if you are planning to attend.

There is still time to register for the CPMC **Women's Retreat** at Swan Lake Christian Camp, **September 19 &20**! Cost: \$80 which includes meals, camp fees and women retreat expenses. See poster and registration forms that were sent to our church. **Register by September 13.** 

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 Pastor 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**. All are welcome.

