



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered- Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, January 10 2020
10:00 a.m.

Prelude *Be Thou my Vision* by Wrytzen

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn *Jesus Calls us here to Meet Him* STJ #3

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Worship Music: *"Hallelujah!"*

(See write-up about the making of this song,
in the insert "TWENTY-THREE DAYS")

Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer

Scripture Mark 1: 1-14

Sermon "The Beginning"

Hymn *I Heard the Voice of Jesus say* HWB #493

Offering Blessing

Sending Hymn *The Lord Lift You Up* STJ #73

Benediction

Postlude *Holy, Holy, Holy* by Dykes
Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken by Haydn
Prayer by Stickles

HMC video clip can be viewed at
at www.HMCFreeman.org

TODAY January 10

10:00 am: Worship Service

Accompanist: Norma Hofer

Opening Hymn: by Matt Beckingham

Worship Leader: Charlene Friesen

Worship Music: arranged by Vernon and Twyla Hofer
from *Messiah* by Handel sung by the Swiss Choral Society

Message: Pastor Randall

Hymn of Response: Celtic Source Vol. 2

Sending Hymn: arr. by Dennis Friesen-Carper

No Children's Sunday School

NEXT SUNDAY January 17

10:00 am: Worship Service

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Worship Leader: Brandon Waltner

Child Dedication: Vivienne Koehler

Installation Service of Pastor Randall

Message: Pastor Randall

No Children's Sunday School

CALENDER

January Project: Blankets, Sheets or Towels

Pastor Randall HMC Office Schedule:

Wednesday: 7-11 am; 1-3 pm

Thursday: 7-11 am; 1-3 pm

Friday: 7-11 am; 1-3 pm

Saturday: 7-11 am; 1-3 pm

My two days off will be Monday and Tuesday. People are welcome to call, email, text me as well to set up an alternate appointment or just drop in to my office anytime during my office hours. Peace, Randall

Congregational Ministries December project: Don and Sonja Waltner raised \$3,215.00

Today will find the **2021 HMC year book** in your mailboxes. If you find any corrections, additions or in need of another book, please notify Kathy Pullman at the church email and then they will be put in *The Connection*. On this note **please add Jesse**, new born son to Lillie and Andre Eisenbeis on page 23. My apologize to the family for my error.

Next Sunday, Susan Jansen, Central Plains Conference Minister, will be with us to assist in formally installing Pastor Randall as HMC full time Pastor along with performing his licensing. We are honored to also be celebrating the dedication of Vivienne Koehler with Pastor Randall and Morgan.

Did you know Freeman Academy includes 6 denominations and students from five states and two countries? Ministries in Freeman impact people here and beyond. Blessings on your ministry in 2021!

Freeman Academy Open Houses Parents of future Kindergarten through grade 11 students are invited to open houses at Freeman Academy on Jan. 15 or Feb. 5 from 2:00-4:00 pm. Families have two flexible visit options. One: drop in, visit with Enrollment Director Lynnelle Allison, and get grade-specific information. Two: Contact Lynnelle (lallison@FreemanAcademy.org) three days prior to the open house to arrange a tour and schedule visits with specific teachers. All guests must wear masks. For more information call 605-925-4237.

We all have a story to tell. Learn how to tell yours well by attending a series of webinars called "Remembering your story: creating your own spiritual autobiography," starting January 12 at 7:00pm. For more information about this and other upcoming webinars (and the zoom link), visit our website, centralplainsmc.org

We would like to express deep gratitude for the **donations to the Scholarship fund**. Your generosity and commitment to assist students to attend Mennonite schools or colleges and Christian camp is greatly appreciated. If you missed the opportunity to donate and you would still like to, please let us know. Sincerely, the Scholarship Committee: Kenny Birkey, Joline Thomas and Amy Hofer Vetch

Prayer Requests and Praise:

- Thank you for the life of **Emma Hofer**, (Mother of Lyndon (Barbie) Hofer) who passed away on Jan. 7. May her family be blessed by the many memories and knowing she had powerful faith in you Lord.
- Pray for the family of **Marilyn Hofer**, Brigitta's sister-in-law, who recently went to be with her Savior. Give them comfort amidst their loss and grief.
- Pray for both **Pastor Randall and his family**, as well as our Hutterthal church family, as we officially install him as our pastor. We give thanks for God's guidance and God's call to them. Give Randall courage and energy for the tasks ahead. Open our hearts to hear God's Word to us through Pastor Randall. May we together serve God's Kingdom.
- Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day. We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year.
- Herb Yoder, a prominent Mennonite pastor in Central Plains Mennonite Conference, passed away January 5. We are grateful for his years of years of service and pray for comfort for his family

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MCC Webinars on Service Opportunities: Are you ready to step out and into service? To spend a year serving abroad or the summer serving your church or a local community organization? Check out the webinars happening this winter that will introduce these MCC service opportunities to you! Learn more at mcc.org/mcc-me-webinar-series-service-opportunities.

Nathan Luitjens, Executive Conference Minister, Mennonite Conference. The shocking images from the capital on January 6th are reminders to us of what happens when people put their faith in political leaders. In this election (like in all elections) many of us have mixed feelings about the results. But our hope as followers of Jesus is not found in the powers and empires of our world. We are, first and foremost, citizens of a heavenly kingdom, following the servant king who calls us to work for peace, justice and reconciliation in our world. The violence of January 6th should remind us again that we are distinct and different people in our world, and should call us to prayer and action as we seek to live into Jesus' prayer, "Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

I invite you to read Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA Glen Guyton's statement as well.

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/glens-blog/attack-on-capitol/>

TWENTY-THREE DAYS

He was a has-been, a fossil, a relic, an old fogey....but as a child, George Frideric Handel had accompanied his father to the court of Duke Johann Adolf. Idly wandering into the chapel, the boy found the organ and started improvising, causing Duke Adolf to exclaim, "Who is this remarkable child?"

This remarkable child soon began composing operas, first in Italy, then in London. By his twenties he was the talk of England and the best-paid composer on earth. He opened the Royal Academy of Music. Londoners fought for seats at his every performance, and his fame soared around the world.

But the glory passed. Audiences dwindled. His music became outdated. The academy went bankrupt, and newer artists eclipsed the aging composer. One project after another failed, and Handel grew depressed. The stress brought on a case of palsy that crippled some of his fingers. "Handel's great days are over," wrote Frederick the Great, "His inspiration is exhausted."

Yet his troubles also matured him, softening his sharp tongue. His temper mellowed, and his music became more heartfelt. One morning Handel received, by post, a script from Charles Jennens. It was a word-for-word collection of various biblical texts about Christ. The opening words from Isaiah 40 moved Handel: "Comfort ye my people..." (KJV)

On August 22, 1741, he shut the door of his London home and started composing music for the words. Twenty-three days later, the world had *Messiah*. "Whether I was in the body or out of the body when I wrote it, I know not" Handel later said, trying to describe the experience. *Messiah* opened in London to enormous crowds on March 23, 1743. Handel led from his harpsichord, and King George II, who was present that night, surprised everyone by leaping to his feet during the "Hallelujah Chorus." No one knows why. Some believe the king, being hard of hearing, thought it was the national anthem.

No matter--from that day audiences everywhere have stood in reverence during the stirring word: "*Hallelujah! For He shall reign forever and ever.*"