

ALLELUIA!

He is Risen





Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered – Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday

9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship and Prayer

*Gathering and Praising

Low in the Grave He Lay - VT #333

Lift Your Glad Voices - VT #340

Scripture Reading

Psalm 118 Pew Bible p. 325

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Special Music

In Christ Alone - VT #332

Prayer of Confession

Scripture Reading

John 20: 1-18 Pew Bible p. 574

Message

"From Certainty to Openness"

Offering Prayer

Responding and Sending

Thine Is the Glory - VT #355

**Christ the Lord is Risen Today* - VT #346

*Benediction

Postlude

*please stand if you are able

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

www.HMCFreeman.org

Call to Worship:

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Together we seek the way of God -

People: the generous

Leader: compassionate

People: grace-filled

Leader: inclusive

People: abundant

Leader: powerful

People: unsettling

All: way of God

Leader: On this day that God has made, may our hearts be
open to the good news: Christ is not here; he is risen.

All: Jesus Christ is risen indeed!

Prayer of Confession:

Leader: Holy One, we seek you at the empty tomb; where have
you gone? where may you be found?

**People: We call out to you in the early morning haze of the gar-
den, bewildered by your absence, paralyzed by the
thought of what might have happened.**

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, for our thoughts are not
your thoughts, and our ways are not your ways.

**People: Forgive us if we have been blinded by our certainty,
thinking that we know how you are moving in our
world. Help us to hold our knowledge and beliefs with
open hands and hearts as we are again surprised and
amazed at your resurrection.**

Leader: As we experience the risen Christ in our midst, let us
see your way more clearly

All: and follow your way more faithfully.

The Freeman Academy Auxiliary is truly amazed at the overwhelming support of the Schmeck Stop food sales the last two Saturdays. This event would not have taken place without the generous donations from our local bakers and the volunteers at work days. Preparing all the baked goods, sausage and meal items is no small task. We are so grateful to all of you for committing your time and energy to make food and assist with sales for the event. Thank you to all the shoppers who bought food and made additional monetary donations to Schmeckfest and Freeman Academy. As we explore the options for Schmeckfest 2023, we want to assure you that efforts to bring back a “traditional” event are in the works. -The Freeman Academy Auxiliary Executive, Overall Food, and Food Project committees

The Freeman Academy board of directors is pleased to announce Dr. Brad Anderson as our next Head of School. The board-appointed search committee undertook their work last December and reviewed several well-qualified applicants. Dr. Anderson emerged as the unanimous choice of the search committee. The board of directors discussed and concurred with the search committee's recommendation. The search committee and board were particularly impressed with Brad's commitment to Anabaptist Christian education, his passion and vision for the school, and his desire to nurture and further cultivate relationships between the school and the broader community. Dr. Anderson, no stranger to the community, previously served as Academic Dean and has been a member of Freeman Academy's teaching faculty for the past five years. He will assume Head of School duties on July 1, 2022.

TODAY April 17, 9:45 am Easter Sunday

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Worship Leader: Todd Koerner

Song Leader: Aprille Birkey

Children's Time: Pastor Randall

Puppeteers: Cole Hofer & Jaden Thomas

Puppets: Lucia & Penny

Special Music: Jada Koerner and Pastor Randall

Message: Pastor Randall

Coffee Time: Todd and Suzanne Koerner

Children's Sunday School following the service

Adult Sunday School following coffee time

NEXT SUNDAY April 24, 9:45 am

Accompanist: Paige Hofer

Worship Leader: Brigitta Hofer

Song Leader: Les Rensink

Children's Time: Kylea Waltner

Special Music: Paige Hofer

Message: Pastor Randall

Coffee Time: LeRoy and Kathy Pullman

Children's Sunday School following the service

Adult Sunday School following coffee time

Congregational Ministries Project for April: Cash for MCC Relief Sale expenses in preparing Kitchen Time Saver meals for the auction.

Calendar

April 20: 4 pm - HMC Work Night

April 20: 8 pm - HMC Board meeting

May 27 - 30: MC USA Special Delegate Assembly In Kansas City

May 30 - June 3rd: 9:00 - 12:00 pm - VBS at Hutterthal

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- Pray for the local ministers of Freeman, of the surrounding small towns, and of the rural areas in between.
- Please pray for the rest of the Mennonite Pastors serving Mennonite churches across the Midwest within Central Plains Mennonite Conference. From CPMC for Easter Sunday 2022: He is Risen indeed! Hallelujah! May our Easter Celebrations be filled with the joy of the Risen Lord!
- On this Easter Sunday, join Mennonite Mission Network's 161 workers and 116 partner organizations throughout the United States and in 47 countries around the world in proclaiming the message of Jesus' resurrection power and love to those you encounter. Pray that each of God's children will be a faithful witness.
- Continue to pray for refugees and civilians in Ukraine as the war continues to different degrees in different parts of the country. Pray for our anabaptist siblings there too.

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