



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered – Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday April 23, 2023

9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship and Prayer

Welcoming One Another

*Gathering and Praising

Christ Has Died, Christ Is Risen VT #438

In Thee is Gladness VT #666

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 1:10-21 Pew Bible p. 638

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Special Music "The Heavens are Telling" from *The Creation*
by Franz Joseph Haydn

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 1:10-21 Pew Bible p. 638

Message

Ransomed from Ourselves

Offering Prayer

*Responding and Sending

Kwake Yesu nasimama (Here on Christ the Rock I Will Stand)

VT #159

O for a Thousand Tongues VT #764

*Benediction

Postlude

*please stand if you are able

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

www.HMCFreeman.org

TODAY April 23, 2023 9:45 am

Worship Leader: Todd Koerner

Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch

Song Leader: Amanda Mettler

Children's Time: Twyla Hofer

Special Music: The 2007 Alumni Choir of FJCA arr. by Vernon P. & Twyla Hofer

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: LeRoy & Kathy Pullman

Children's Sunday School following the service.

Adult Sunday School in the South Room and the fellowship hall following coffee time.

NEXT SUNDAY April 30, 2023 9:45 am

Worship Leader: Charlene Friesen

Accompanist: Paige Hofer

Song Leader: Les Rensink

Children's Time: Kenneth Birkey

Special Music: Pastor Randall & Morgan Koehler

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: Brigitta Hofer

Children's Sunday School following the service.

Adult Sunday School in the South Room and the fellowship hall following coffee time.

Calendar:

May 7: SD MCC Relief Sale Pizza Fundraiser after Sun. School

May 7: Freeman Ministerial Association Baccalaureate Service
at 4 PM at the Freeman Community Center.

May 30 - June 2: HMC Vacation Bible School 9am - 12 pm.

June 15-18: CPMC Annual Meeting in York, NE

July 3-8: MennoCon23 in Kansas City, MO

HMC Congregational Ministry Project for April:

SD MCC Relief Sale Kitchen Time Savers Expenses

Donations to Joyce Hofer, Treasurer, or place in C.M. mailbox.

The **special music today**, arranged by Vernon P. & Twyla Hofer, is the 2007 Alumni Choir of Freeman Junior College and Academy. This choir was conducted by Doyle Preheim and accompanied by Anne Waltner-Olsen. The trio that sings consists of Robin Kaufman Anderson singing soprano, Lyle Preheim singing tenor, and James Graber singing bass. Robin is the daughter of Fern Kleinsasser, who was a member of HMC before she married Clyde Kaufman.

The **Freeman Academy Elementary and Middle School** (Grades K-8) Spring Music Program, featuring both vocal and instrumental departments, will take place Thursday, April 27, at 7:00 pm in the Pioneer Hall Gymnasium. Music directors are Tiffany McLeod, K-6 vocal; Dr. Rolf Olson, 7&8 vocal and Donna Ries, 5-8 instrumental. The public is invited to attend.

Central Plains Mennonite Conference's **Annual Meeting** is coming up and is now open for registration. This year, we will be gathering in York, NE on June 15-18, and our theme is "Where Do We Go from Here?" If you are interested in attending as one of the delegates from our church and connecting with our conference brothers and sisters, please contact Todd Koerner or Pastor Randall to talk more about it.

Mennonite Church USA's biennial national convention, MennoCon, is coming up and open for registration. **MennoCon23** is in Kansas City, MO this year on July 3-8. Different than previous years, attendees from our church will be able to participate in MennoCon23 activities during July 3-6, and then the delegate assembly is on July 7-8. If you are interested in attending as one of the delegates from our church, contact Todd Koerner or Pastor Randall to talk more about it.

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- Birthdays/Anniversaries: Jonathan Mendel on April 23 (today), Bridget Neuharth on April 26, and Twyla Hofer on April 27.
- Pray for Mennonite Central Committee's response to the ongoing global hunger crisis and for the hundreds of millions of people experiencing critical hunger around the world.
- Pray for the work of the Outreach and Service Committee of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. We ask for wisdom and courage as they lead by example and encouragement into new ways of thinking about and doing God's just work in our ever-changing world.
- Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Bekah York, as she begins six weeks of North American ministry this month. Pray for inspiration, as she speaks in churches, encouraging others to join what God is doing in Colombia, as well as for rest and renewal, as she reconnects with family and friends.

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Spring has finally sprung! As you dive in to spring cleaning, please consider donating your high-quality items to **Et Cetera Shoppe**. We have an extremely important mission right here in our own community: providing affordable clothing and home items for low-income and fixed-income community members. Many of our customers depend on Et Cetera Shoppe to furnish their homes and closets. We accept donations of clean, folded clothing, working household items, and good condition furniture pieces on Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. A thrift store can only be as good as the donations it receives, so help us to be the best we can!

Rural Revival will meet Monday, April 24 at 8:00 P.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome to attend.

Come and worship with the Freeman Ministerial Association and graduates of Freeman Public High School and Freeman Academy. The annual **Baccalaureate Service** will be on May 7, 2023 at 4 PM at the Freeman Community Center. All are welcome to attend and show their support for this year's graduates and their families. Music will be led by Craig Wollman, a message will be shared by Pastor Randall Koehler, and the rest of the service will be officiated by members of the Freeman Ministerial Association. The service will also be live-streamed for those who would like to show their support from a distance or from home with this link: [YouTube.com/@salemzionmennonitechurch8051](https://www.youtube.com/@salemzionmennonitechurch8051)

Brief Reflections on Worship:

What words, themes, or ideas have stuck with you from our scripture readings this morning?

Draw a picture or image of what you are holding onto or noticing as most important from worship this morning? What are you noticing that you need to let go of or release?