



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday May 21, 2023

9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship and Prayer

Welcoming One Another

*Gathering and Praising

When We Walk with the Lord VT #570

Mercy, Mercy, Lord VT #169

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:21-3:12 Pew Bible 639

Sharing Time and Prayer

Graduate Recognition

Children's Time

Special Music

Scripture Reading

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Message

Following in Jesus's Footsteps (pt. 2)

Offering Prayer

*Responding and Sending

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song VT #581

Sent Forth by God's Blessing VT #812

*Benediction

Postlude

***please stand if you are able**

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

www.HMCFreeman.org

TODAY May 21, 2023 9:45 am

Worship Leader: Donovan Friesen

Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch

Song Leader: Morgan Koehler

Children's Time: Rebecca Hofer

Special Music: Men's Quartet

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: Joann Stahl

Graduate Recognition: HMC Music Committee

Children's Sunday School following the service.

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

NEXT SUNDAY May 28, 2023 9:45 am

Worship Leader: Brigitta Hofer

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Song Leader: Suzanne Koerner

Children's Time: Joline Thomas

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: Steve Mendel

Children's Sunday School following the service.

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

Calendar:

May 30 - June 2: HMC Vacation Bible School from 9-11:30 am

June 10: *We Own This Now* Show by Ted & Co @ 7:30 PM

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

June 25: Communion during HMC Worship Service

July 3-8: MennoCon23 in Kansas City, MO

HMC Congregational Ministry Project for May:

Cash for Swan Lake Christian Camp

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

Central Plains Mennonite Conference's Annual Meeting is coming up and is now open for registration. We will be gathering in York, NE on June 15-18, and our theme is "Where Do We Go from Here?" Are you missing your brothers and sisters from Central Plains? You'll get to see them soon! Come to York, NE on June 15-18 for Annual Meeting 2023. Our theme will be "Where do we go from here?" Children, youth and adults welcome! Register by June 5 at www.centralplainsmc.org or if you are interested in attending as one of our church delegates, contact Todd Koerner or Pastor Randall.

Sunday, May 28th, the Music Committee would like to show their appreciation for **Norma Lee Hofer** and her years of service as an accompanist for Hutterthal. Join us for the worship service and coffee time where we will celebrate with cookies!

On Saturday, June 10, at 7:30 pm, our community is welcoming **Ted and Company to Freeman Academy's Pioneer Hall**. FREE to the public, all are welcome. A freewill offering will be collected at the conclusion of the show. Following the offering, the audience will be invited to a 30-minute talkback conducted by the performers. Starring Ted Swartz and Michelle Milne, *We Own This Now* is a play by Alison Casella Brookins that seriously looks with humor at love of land, loss of land, and what it means to "own" something. Chris has farmed the land his grandmother found as a home in Kansas after fleeing Russia almost 100 years ago; his daughter Riley is learning more about who was on that land before her Oma arrived, and the jarring connections she has to the fate of those people. More information about the play can be found on our We Own This Now page: <https://www.tedandcompany.com/shows/we-own-this-now/>

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- Birthdays/Anniversaries: LeRoy Pullman on May 24, Michelle Neuharth on May 26; LeRoy & Kathy Pullman on May 25, Nicole & Larry Timmerman and Lyndon & Barbie Hofer on May 27.
- Marisa Smucker assumed the responsibilities of interim executive director of Mennonite Mission Network in March. Pray for God's wisdom and strength, as she leads the agency. Pray for the Board of CPMC as they make decisions
- Pray for the Central Plains congregations that are in the midst of processes of congregational discernment. We pray for God's leading and guidance in the midst of changing congregational patterns.
- Pray for the volunteers and staff at Mennonite Central Committee's thrift shops throughout the United States and Canada, raising vital financial support for relief, development, and peace work around the world.
- From Pastor Randall: thank you for all of your prayers and thoughts last week while I was sick at home with my family. Your continued support means so much to us.

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Mark your calendars for **Billy's 5K Run/Walk** at Swan Lake Christian Camp June 10, 2023. The race begins at 8:00 am. Register at myslcc.com. The race is a fundraiser for the camp's youth programs. Cost is \$30 and includes a t-shirt. Come join the fun along the shores of Swan Lake.

Earlier this year, **Moses Glanzer** shared a generous gift of \$21,500 with our church. He designated that in any given year, 50% of what was awarded would go to support students attending a Mennonite Seminary and the other 50% would go to support students attending a Mennonite college or university. If during a particular year, all students applying for the funds were attending Mennonite colleges or universities, or all were attending Mennonite seminaries, then the entirety of the awarded amount could go to the student or students that applied. The HMC board encourages all congregation members to consider how this gift could enrich their spiritual growth through participating in a Mennonite college, university, or seminary individual course or program. These funds are available to learners of any age. If you have any questions about the educational opportunities available and the associated financial support through Moses's gift, please speak with Pastor Randall or Todd Koerner.

The **May edition of On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: a West Virginia family finds a safe haven in an MDS-built home; a disaster survivor shares the terror of riding out Hurricane Fiona; and cooks share the joys and challenges of feeding an MDS crew. <https://conta.cc/3o6Lls1>

Following in Jesus's Footsteps

By Pastor Randall

Peter's encouragement to these church communities and specifically to servants/slaves, wives of non-Christian husbands, and Christian husbands can be a bit jarring for our present culture. Some of the specific advice has been used to hurt, abuse, and perpetuate unhealthy relationships in church and family.

At the heart of this part of Peter's letter is the example of Christ Jesus, who respected and valued all people and did not return harsh words or actions in kind. Instead, Jesus creatively responds in nonviolent, hopeful love.

If you were to re-write this part of the letter for today, what groups in a brother/sister church would you address specifically? What would you write to them? What would you write to the community as a whole? How would your words reflect the example of the nonviolently loving and truly caring Christ Jesus?
