



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday May 28, 2023

9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Nocturne by Ted Cooper

Call to Worship and Prayer

Welcoming One Another

*Gathering and Praising

Holy Spirit, Come with Power VT #57

Breathe on Me, Breath of God VT #737

Scripture Reading

John 20:19-22 Pew Bible p. 574

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22 Pew Bible 639

Message

If Suffering Is God's Will

Offering Prayer

*Responding and Sending

Wind Who Makes All Winds VT #372

We Are One in the Spirit VT #387

*Benediction

Postlude

*please stand if you are able

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

www.HMCFreeman.org

TODAY May 28, 2023 9:45 am

Worship Leader: Brigitta Hofer

Special Prelude: Lane McCune

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Song Leader: Suzanne Koerner

Children's Time: Joline Thomas

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: Steve Mendel

Join us during coffee time for cookies to celebrate Norma Hofer!

Children's Sunday School following the service.

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

NEXT SUNDAY June 4, 2023 10:30 am VBS Sunday

Worship Leader: Pastor Randall Koehler

Accompanist: VBS

Song Leader: Amy Hofer Vetch

Children's Time: Pastor Randall Koehler

Message: VBS Program

Coffee Time: Phil & Joline Thomas

Please join us after the service for a meal downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

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.

Call to Worship:

Leader: God of wind and wings, gather us in this space.

People: Light up our hearts for you.

Leader: God of flames and fire, emblaze us with your passion.

People: May your presence burn within us.

Leader: God of rest and resurrection, raise us from the ashes.

People: May we live as people born anew, seeking life from
where there was once death.

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/>

At the May board meeting, the HMC Church Board decided to support, along with other local Mennonite churches, "We Own This Now" by making a donation of \$400 from the General Fund toward the expenses of hosting this event (about \$7,000). Please join HMC in funding this fine arts opportunity available to all by putting your donation in the basket in the foyer on May 28 or June 4. Make your checks payable to HMC and designate to Ted & Company.

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- Birthdays/Anniversaries: Marcella and Rosella Glanzer on June 2. Todd & Suzanne Koerner on May 30.
- Mennonite Mission Network (MMN) requests prayer for Odesa Theological Seminary in Ukraine. Pray that courses on trauma healing will equip church leaders to respond with compassion and skill to the millions of people who have lost loved ones and homes due to Russia's invasion.
- Pray for the start of the summer camping season for Swan Lake Christian Camp and Crooked Creek Christian Camp, the two Mennonite camps within Central Plains. We pray that campers and staff feel the love of God as they spend time in nature!
- Today is Pentecost Sunday. May we be filled with the Holy Spirit to be instruments of peace in our local communities and around the world.
- Pray with MMN for Akiko Aratani and Ray Epp as they retire from managing the Menno Village farm in Japan and prepare tomorrow's leaders in the theology of land stewardship.

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SD MCC Relief Sale:

- The July 22 relief sale will be a cozy event! All activities will be held on the lower level of Pioneer Hall.
- As we begin collecting donations for our **Live Auction**, we ask you to consider donating items such as an experience or service. For example, do you have a beautiful backyard space? Consider hosting a meal for 6 at your home! Do you make a delicious loaf of bread? Donate a loaf a month as an auction item. Own a home in the hills? Donate a weekend getaway. These items provide additional variety to our Live Auction. If you have a question regarding a potential item feel free to reach out to us via email SDMCCReliefSale@gmail.com or contact Edie Tschetter 605-925-7009. Registration forms are due June 15.
- There is still time to make a **theme basket** for the silent auction. It's a fun activity to do as a family, with friends or a Sunday school class. You will find copies of theme basket ideas on the table in the foyer. It is helpful if you provide a list of the contents included in your basket.
- Registration forms for the family-friendly **bike ride** are also available on the table in the foyer. It begins at 7 pm (check in at 6:30) on Friday. The registration form is also available on line for downloading. Deadline is July 1. You may still participate without pre-registration but it is helpful in planning to know many people to expect. Riders of all ages and experience levels welcome! Please give what you can; donations for this year's ride will support MCC's relief work to support displaced individuals in Ukraine. Helmets are required for all riders.

2023 Freeman-Area VBS Programs

- **HMC VBS** is this week. You can still register your children for this Tues—Fri, 9:00-11:30 am. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfaK4lK39PYiT1wekO1H60SBJ2xJGtXQr5TPysw_SOXUWUhMA/viewform
- The **South and North Churches** are planning a combined daytime VBS, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m., Mon.- Fri., Jun. 5th -9th. Children ages 4 thru 8th grade are invited. To register your children, call Libby Miller at 605-760-7099.
- **Salem MB Church** is planning an evening VBS, Sun.-Thu., Jul. 16th- 20th. It will be held from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Freeman Community Center. Children ages 4 thru those entering 6th grade are invited. You will be able to register children online as the event nears.
- **Bethany Mennonite Church** is planning an evening VBS, Mon.- Fri., Jul. 24th- 28th. It will be held from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. You can register children, ages 5-13 for Bethany's VBS here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKZ08egRI80R23ky_ugolExEoiw9sdJSwzq6XJC9NqPQVayQ/view
- The **Missionary Church** is planning an evening VBS, from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., Thu. & Fri., Aug. 3rd & 4th. Supper will be provided. All children ages 4 thru those entering 6th grade are invited. There will be a short VBS program on Sun. evening Aug. 6th, along with a parking lot cookout/bonfire. You will be able to register children online when the link is set up later in June.