



## Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, September 29, 2024

9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship & Prayer

\*Welcoming One Another

\*Gathering and Praising

*We Sing to You, O God* VT #80

*Lord, You've Searched Me* VT #609

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Scripture Reading

Psalm 139 Pew Bible p. 331

Message

Seeking Peace Within part 1

Offering Prayer

\*Responding and Sending

*In the Quiet Curve of Evening* VT #587

*What a Fellowship/Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

VT #160

\*Benediction

Postlude

\*please stand if you are able

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

[www.HMCFreeman.org](http://www.HMCFreeman.org)

**TODAY September 29, 2024 9:45 a.m.**

**Worship Leader:** Les Rensink

**Accompanist:** Charlene Friesen

**Song Leader:** Suzanne Koerner

**Children's Time:** Matthew Tschetter

**Scripture:** Psalm 139

**Message:** "Seeking Peace Within part 1" - Pastor Randall Koehler

**Coffee Time:** Marcia Schrock

**Children's Sunday School following the worship service. Adult**

**Sunday School following coffee time in the Education Wing.**

**NEXT SUNDAY Oct. 6, 2024 9:45 a.m. World Communion Sunday**

**Worship Leader:** Suzanne Koerner

**Accompanist:** Charlene Friesen

**Song Leader:** Amanda Mettler

**Children's Time:** Amanda Mettler

**Worship Music:** Sunday School Children's Choir

**Scripture:** Matthew 6:25-34; Philippians 4:3-9

**Message:** "Seeking Peace Within part 2" - Pastor Randall Koehler

**Coffee Time:** Steve & Charlene Friesen

**Children's Sunday School following the worship service. Adult**

**Sunday School following coffee time in the Education Wing.**

**Calendar:**

Oct. 6: World Communion Sunday; Communion during worship  
at HMC

Oct. 13: Freeman Academy joining our worship service

Oct. 20: Harvest Mission Festival

Nov. 17: Peace Sunday and noon potluck meal

**HMC Congregational Ministry Project for September:**

Cash for Mennonite Women and Mennonite Men, MCUSA  
Donations can be given to Joyce Hofer, treasurer, or placed in  
the C.M mailbox.

## Call to Worship

Leader: We gather now in awe

**Women and girls: of the One who has searched us  
and known us,**

*Men and boys: the Alpha and the Omega.*

Leader: We come together in praise

**Women and girls: of the One for whom night is as bright as day,  
Men and boys: who was and who is and who is to come.**

Leader: We open ourselves to the presence

**Women and girls: of the One who has formed our inward parts,  
Men and boys: the almighty God.**

Leader: So let us lift our hearts and our voices  
to worship our God,

**Women and girls: who holds us and leads us,**

*Men and boys: who is still with us—*

***All: now and always.***

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The Christian Education Committee would like to verify the numbers for **ordering Rejoice books**. On the table in the foyer is a list of names. If you are wanting to receive a book each quarter, please check to ensure your name is on the list and if you are needing more than one, please put that number behind your name. If you are not wanting a book, please cross your name off the list. This will ensure we have the correct number of copies for everyone that wants one. Thank you for your help in this!

The Deacon Team and Church Board share in **deep gratitude for the generous donation** of an anonymous person to cover the costs of our guest speakers during Pastor Randall's sabbatical. A heartfelt thank you is also extended to Matthew Tschetter who volunteered his time and talents to share his sermon series on Acts for two months. With this generosity, Hutterthal's general fund was not affected.

**Prayer Requests and Praises:**

- **Birthdays:** Xavier Ward on October 2, Brigitta Hofer and Alvina Hofer on October 3; Kathy Pullman on October 4
- Empower us, Holy Spirit, with your renewing breath to reflect on Jesus's call to remember him and bear our own crosses in daily life as we prepare for World Communion Sunday. Help us to see beyond borders, boundaries, and distinctions to celebrate the faith and hope that we share with our siblings in your international renewed community.
- Pray for CPMC ministry staff as they travel throughout the conference, that they would be safe on the road and that they would give and receive blessings wherever they go.
- Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Anicka Fast, as she fosters collaborations that cross academic disciplines and national boundaries, and as she teaches global church history and archiving skills throughout Africa. Pray for her as she edits a new Mennonite World Conference Global Anabaptist-Mennonite history series, in addition to teaching and traveling.

**Pastor Randall's contact information:**

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**Freeman Academy's annual fall church drive** will begin Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Students will share music and Head of School, Dr. Brad Anderson, will provide a school update during your worship service that Sunday. During this harvest season, we are grateful to the alumni and friends of Freeman Academy and ask you to consider making a gift to the school's general fund.

Committee members, Lyndon Hofer and Donovan Friesen, will be available at a table on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> to receive your donations. If you are not in church those Sundays and would like to participate, self-addressed envelopes will be available on a table for your convenience, or you can make your donation online at [freemanacademy.org](https://freemanacademy.org).

The Mennonite Disaster Service **September edition of On the Level** is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares the power of prayer; learn how volunteers are keeping our fleet rolling; and volunteers look back on a year of MDS service. The direct link is: <https://conta.cc/3ZtD4Pd> or let Aprille know if you want to receive this each month and she will forward it to you directly.

Freeman Academy will be hosting a **special Indigenous Peoples' Day event** on Wednesday, October 16, 9:00-10:30am in Sterling Hall. We will be welcoming South Dakota Secretary of Tribal Relations Dave Flute to speak and will also enjoy performances of native songs and dances from the Dakota Dance Club. We are inviting members of the Freeman community as well as students from surrounding districts to attend this event. This event is sponsored by Dr. Rolf Olson and Dr. Anne Waltner, as well as Shane Vetch with Modern Woodmen, and is free to attendees.

**Central Plains Mennonite Conference News:** In July of this year Jerry Thex, who had taken over as the pastor of the Ashland Christian Fellowship in Montana, informed us that the community no longer had enough people to sustain a church.

There are a lot of different reasons for this and while we are sad about the closing of the church, we praise God for many years of Anabaptist Christian witness in the Ashland community. Scott and Suzette Shreffler from the White River Cheyenne Church and the other members of the Northern Cheyenne Mennonite Churches, along with conference leadership, have been working to figure out what can be done with the property.

At this point, what we need is a group of folks who are interested in heading out to Ashland to **clean up the property**. Scott and a friend went recently and cut back the grass that had grown quite tall, but there is need for a group to clean up brush piles, clean out fence rows and clean up weeds. If there are individuals or a group who are interested in serving in this way please contact Nathan Luitjens (nathaluitjens@centralplainsmc.org) and he will work with you and Scott to organize a time to get out to Ashland to help with this clean up.

**The Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** will meet Wednesday, October 9 at 11:30 A.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

The **October 2024 Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Vine** is now available. The PDF is posted in the prayer resources section of the MMN website: <https://www.mennonitemission.net/resources/prayer-resources> or physical copies are on the table in the upper foyer.