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I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE

Prelude

“Allegro from Symphony IV” – Boyce Hopson

“Turn Back, O Man” – HWB 74

Choral Call to Worship

“Let’s Walk Together” – Voices Together Hymnal

Call to Worship (Psalm 119:41-48)

Let your steadfast love come to me, O LORD,

your salvation according to your promise;

then shall I have an answer for him who taunts me for I trust in your word.

Take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth

for my hope is in your laws.

I will keep your law continually, forever and ever,

and I shall walk in a wide place, for I have sought your precepts.

I will also speak of your testimonies before kings

and shall not be put to shame,

for I find my delight in your commandments, which I love.

I will lift up my hands toward your commandments, which I love,

and I will meditate on your decrees.

Invocation Prayer

Opening Hymn

“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine” – HWB #508

Greeting and Welcoming Each Other

Confession of Sin (in unison)

Most merciful God, we have not loved you with our whole heart and soul, mind and strength; we failed to love our neighbors as ourselves – by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have broken your commandments, resisted your will, and rebelled against your love. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us what we have been; help us amend what we are; and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and death.

Anthem

"It is Well with my Soul" – arr. Hayes

II. HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Scripture Readings

Deuteronomy 5:1-22 (NIV); Romans 13:8-10 (ESV)
Luke 10:25-37 (ESV)

Sermon

"Loving Our Neighbor"

RECEIVING THE SPIRIT, JOINED IN CHRIST'S BODY

Announcements and Offerings

- **Today's Worship offering:** Swan Lake Christian Camp
- **Today's Sunday school offering:** Bethany Food Pantry
- **Children's Offering:** Freeman Community Garden

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

III. RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn

"Love the Lord Your God"

Lincoln Brewster

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind and with all your strength [x2]

With all your heart, With all your soul, With all your mind,
With all your strength.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength.

I will serve the Lord with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind
And with all my strength [x2]

With all my heart, With all my soul, With all my mind, With all my strength.
I will serve the Lord with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind
And with all my strength.

I will love You (I will love You), I will praise You (I will praise You)

I will serve You, Lord (I will serve You), I will trust You, Lord (I will trust You)

With all my heart, With all my soul, With all my mind, With all my strength

I will love You Lord, With all my heart, With all my soul, With all my mind
And with all my strength.

Benediction

Go forth to the world in peace, with the grace of God to sustain you,
The love of Christ to lead you, and the joy of the Holy Spirit to keep you,
Ever showing forth the hope that is within you. Amen.

Postlude

"Vivace" - Handel

Greeters: Brian & Wendy Miller; **Worship Leader:** Brent Mutchelknaus;
Musicians: Sharla Unruh (organist); Sonja Waltner (pianist); Brennan & Stephen
Waltner, Polly & Annie Carlson (ensemble); **Speaker:** Pastor Spencer; **Coffee:**
Classroom #14

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

We welcome all who are worshiping with us this morning! Coffee is available in the fellowship hall following the worship service.

THIS WEEK

June 23 7:30 p.m. – Rural Revival meets at the Freeman library

June 23-27 – Work in Community Garden in Freeman

June 26-29 – Central Plains Conference in Moline, IL

NEXT SUNDAY, June 29, 2025

Speaker: Pastor Spencer; **Worship Leader:** Lee Brockmueller; **Musicians:** Heather Haggerty (organist); Cheryle Gering (special music); **Greeters:** Brian & Wendy Miller; **Coffee:** Classroom #14

Worship Offering: Central Plains Conference

Sunday School Offering: AMBS/EMBS

Children's Offering: Freeman Community Garden

Coming Events

Thursday, July 17 – Serving at the Banquet in Yankton

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

Thank You "I would like to thank my Salem Church family for the lovely plant I received from you following my knee surgery. I'm getting around pretty well, just a little slower than I would like. I think God is trying to teach me patience and I'm a little slow at learning the lessons! Thanks for your prayers and words of encouragement. I feel blessed to have this church family." Sharla Unruh

Serving at the Banquet in Yankton is scheduled for Thursday, July 17. A sign-up sheet for workers, bars and cookies is located in the narthex. Cash donations for groceries may be given to Lee Brockmueller.

Derrold, Peggy, and Lincoln Waltner request your prayers as they serve at Camp Amigo in Michigan the weeks of June 23 and 30. The camps are for children with autism.

Picture Directory – Some folks have expressed interest in doing a new picture directory of our congregation. This time we would not use a company, but would use a local photographer and make copies of the book through a service provided by Thrifty White Pharmacy. Before going forward with planning, we would like to see the level of interest. Please sign up on the paper located on the narthex table by July 1. Questions may be directed to Vernetta Waltner or Carolyn Preheim.

June 23 - 27 is our week to work in the Community Garden in Freeman. Helpers will be needed to weed and maintain the plantings. If you are able to help, please contact Chantel Hofer.

There is a signup sheet located on the table in the narthex for children's Sunday School teachers for the September 2025-May 2026 school year. Please consider serving as a teacher assisting our children in their faith journey. If you have any questions contact Linda Graber or Rachel Waltner. Thank you!

Upcoming MCC school kit drive – During the month of July, South Church Mission & Service team will be participating in MCC's School Kit Challenge. School kits are MCC's most requested item and their goal is to collect a total of 25,000 kits. A list of items is available on the narthex table. Monetary donations can be given to Lee Brockmueller for school kits or purchase supplies at your convenience. Thank you!

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

Reception for the Andersons – Sunday, June 22

Join us for an open house reception for Brad and Elizabeth Anderson to express gratitude for their service to Freeman Academy and the wider community over the past 8 years. Please stop by the Prairie Arboretum Visitors center for light refreshments between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 22.

Rural Revival will meet June 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Freeman library for the annual meeting, board annual reorganization and election of officers. All are welcome to attend.

