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### May 18, 2025

## I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE

Prelude

"Sheep May Safely Graze" – Bach "Processional in C" - Hopson

#### Call to Worship (from Daniel 6:25-27)

Peace abound to you all. Let all people people tremble before the living God, For he endures forever; his kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his Dominion shall be to the end.

God delivers and rescues;

he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth.

**Invocation Prayer** 

**Opening Hymn** 

"Star of the Morning" – STS #91

**Greeting and Welcoming Each Other** 

**Hymn of Confession** 

"Heal Us, Immanuel"

HWB #375

## II. HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Children's Message

**Scripture Reading** 

Daniel 12:1-3

Anthem

*"Forever"* – Fettke

**Scripture Readings** 

Acts 9:32-42; Luke 8:40-56

Sermon

"Rise Up for Healing"

# RECEIVING THE SPIRIT, JOINED IN CHRIST'S BODY

**Announcements and Offerings** 

- Today's Worship offering: Central Plains Mennonite Conference
- Today's Sunday school offering: Heritage Hall Museum & Archives
- Children's Offering: Oyate Hope Academy

### **Congregational Sharing & Prayer**

The Lord's Prayer

# III. RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

**Closing Hymn** 

"Sing With All the Saints" - STS #92

#### Benediction

Peace be with all of you! This is the peace of the Risen Christ, an unarmed and disarming peace, humble and persevering. It comes from God, God who loves us all unconditionally. Peace be with you!

**Postlude** 

"Toccata in E Minor" - Pachelbel

**Greeters:** Barb Yoder & Monte Waltner; **Worship Leader:** Everett Waltner; **Musicians:** Sharla Unruh (organist); Ladies Trio: Jenelle Miller, Barb Tieszen, Kathy

Kleinsasser; **Speaker:** Pastor Spencer; **Coffee:** Classroom #18

#### 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**

Tues, May 20 – 7:00 p.m. Christian Formation Meeting Wed, May 21 – 7:30 p.m. Mission & Service Team meeting

## NEXT SUNDAY, May 25, 2025

**Speaker:** Pastor Spencer; **Worship Leader:** LaVonne Brockmueller; **Musicians:** Heather Haggerty (organ); **Greeters:** Brad & Kris Carlson; **Coffee:** Classroom #18;

**Scripture:** Deuteronomy 25:5-10; Acts 23:1-11; Luke 20:27-40

Worship Offering: Mennonite Mission Network Sunday School Offering: Salem Church Library Children's Offering: Oyate Hope Academy

# **COMING EVENTS**

June 2-6 – 9:00 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Daily Vacation Bible School (details below)

# **SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES**

We are humbled by the support and generosity of this congregation w/the totally unexpected financial gift initiated by the Conference Rm SS class. This significant gift is extremely helpful @ this time of unplanned health expenses.

Please accept our deep gratitude and especially our thank you for your continued prayers for healing. Ted & Cindy Boese

**Donna Lehmann** is now a resident of Oakview Terrace Nursing Home in Freeman and is in hospice. She loves visitors, so please come by and share memories with her, pray with her and remind her of the hope she has in Jesus. "But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day." Proverbs 4:18 **From her Family** 

The family of Mariell (Mary) Waltner) would like to express our deepest gratitude for your many gestures that have communicated love and support at this difficult time. Your prayers, cards, letters, hugs, food, etc., have been greatly appreciated. At this time we are looking at a possible "Celebration of Life" event sometime the first weekend of August. Thank you for your generous outpouring of love.

This year's VBS, Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace, will take place at South Church on June 2-6 from 9-1:15 each morning. Snacks will be provided but children should bring their own sack lunch! Paper registration is available in the Narthex and online registration can be done

here: <a href="https://shorturl.at/OTfsx">https://shorturl.at/OTfsx</a>. VBS Superintendents are also hoping to collect items to decorate the church that fit the Egyptian theme. These may include pillars/columns, plants/vines/flowers, baskets, pots, blue fabric/plastic, or trees. Let Bailey Carlson, Lacey Friesen, or Kelsey Pidde know if you have something to provide.

Worship music scheduling underway: The music team at South Church is now scheduling worship music for the summer months from June through early October. This is the time to offer your musical talents and share your gifts with the congregation. It is also an opportunity to have family or friends visiting here bring music and be a part of our worship service. If you are willing to provide a solo, duet or organize a small group, either vocal or instrumental, please contact Kathy Kleinsasser or any of the music team members.

Christian Formation will again offer a scholarship toward your camp registration fee. The scholarship amount you can deduct is half of your registration fee. For campers that register before May 31<sup>st</sup> (see camp early registration notice), you can calculate your ½ scholarship amount prior to deducting your \$25 early registration discount. Contact Christian Formation Treasurer, Cindi Mutchelknaus at 605-929-1714 if you have questions.

It is time to renew our group subscription to Anabaptist World. The publication will update the group recipient list on June 1<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to continue receiving Anabaptist World or would like to be added to the list please contact

Lee Brockmueller in the next several weeks. Also, let him know of any address changes. The cost is \$44 per subscription.

**Central Plains Mennonite Conference** will be hosted in Rock Island, IL at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center June 26-29. Registrations are open on-line at <a href="http://www.centralplainsmc.org/">http://www.centralplainsmc.org/</a> and click on "Annual Meeting 2025". Contact Norm Kaufman or a department Church Council representative if you would like to be a delegate.

### **COMMUNITY & BEYOND**

### Administrative Associate (80% - \$16-20/hr)

Freeman Academy is seeking a well-organized self-starter to manage student enrollment, faculty certification, general office tasks, and assist the Head of School as needed. The position is full-time during the school year, with reduced and flexible hours during the summer. Benefits include paid leave, insurance, retirement, and tuition discounts. For more information or to apply, access the application at <a href="https://freemanacademy.org/about/employment/">https://freemanacademy.org/about/employment/</a> or contract Dr. Brad Anderson, Head of School, at <a href="mailto:banderson@freemanacademy.org/605.925.4237">banderson@freemanacademy.org/605.925.4237</a>.

**Freeman Regional Health Services Auxiliary** invites you to make a difference in the lives of our community, patients, and residents, by supporting our **Annual Fund Drive.** Checks can be made out to FRHS Auxiliary and sent to Marlene Herman, Auxiliary Treasurer, PO Box 364, Freeman, SD 57029 or given to Peggy Waltner. Donations can also be dropped off at the FRHS business office. Thank you for your support

Summer camps at Swan Lake Christian Camp will be starting soon! Please sign your children up early. If they are coming for overnight camp, they will get a FREE t-shirt if they register by May 1<sup>st</sup>. New this year is a \$25 discount if registration is done by May 31<sup>st</sup>. after that, the discount will not be available. Also, our camps often fill up, so don't wait and find out the camp is full. We do our best to accommodate as many as we can but we only have so much bed space.