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I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE

Prelude

Call to Worship (from 1 Chronicles 29:10-13)

Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

**Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory
and the victory and the majesty,
for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.**

Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.

Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all.

In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great
and to give strength to all.

And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

Invocation Prayer

Opening Hymn

We Praise Thee, O God – HWB # 99♥

Greeting and Welcoming Each Other

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Grace (from 1 Chronicles 28 & 29)

O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, you search all hearts and clearly discern every plan and thought. Forgive us when we have forsaken you, when we have not kept your commandments and followed your direction. Do not cast us off forever, but make us into your sanctuary, and grant us to know you and serve you with a whole heart and with a willing mind. You test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. Keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct our hearts toward you. For we are strangers before you and sojourners, as all our ancestors were. Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no enduring. So we willingly offer you ourselves and all things, freely and joyously, O LORD our God, for all abundance comes from your hand and is all your own; all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

Bless the Lord your God. If you seek him, he will be found by you.

II. HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 4:2-6 (ESV); 1 Timothy 3:14-16 (ESV);
Matthew 8:23-9:8 (ESV)

Sermon

Son of Man and Son of God

III. RECEIVING THE SPIRIT, JOINED IN CHRIST'S BODY

Hymn of Response

Thou, O Christ, My Lord and King – STS # 35

Announcements and Offerings

- **Today's Worship offering:** Mennonite Mission Network
- **Today's Sunday school offering:** Freeman Academy
- **Children's Offering:** Weekend School Lunch Bag Program

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

IV. RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know– HWB # 337

Benediction (from 2 Timothy 4:17, 18, 22)

Grace and peace be with you. The Lord stand by you and strengthen you to fully proclaim his message, and rescue you from every evil, and bring you safely to his heavenly kingdom. To God be the glory forever and ever.
Amen.

Postlude

Speaker: Spencer Bradford; **Worship Leader:** Crystal Nelson; **Musicians:** Barb Yoder (pianist); Kathy Kleinsasser, Wendy Miller, Linda Schrag, Sharla Unruh (special music); **Greeters:** Rudy Brockmueller and Cindee Mutchelknaus; **Coffee:** Stewart and Chantel Hofer

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

Bible Study on Evangelism meeting 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

NEXT SUNDAY, August 2, 2026

Speaker: Spencer Bradford; **Worship Leader:** Brad Carlson; **Greeters:** Linda Graber and Vernetta Waltner; **Musicians:** Sharla Unruh (organist); **Coffee:** Karen Kaufman and Audrey Waltner; **Scriptures:** Numbers 9:15-23; 2 Chronicles 5:11-6:11; Hebrews 12:18-29; Matthew 17:1-13

Worship Offering: Central Plains Mennonite Conference

Sunday School Offering: Salem Church Sunday School

Children's Offering: Weekend School Lunch Bag Program

THIS WEEK

Monday, July 27, 7:30 p.m. – Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, July 28, 7:30 p.m. – Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 28, 8:00 p.m. – Rural Revival at the Freeman Library

July 30, 31, & Aug. 1 – Heritage Days at Heritage Hall Museum & Archives

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, August 4, 7:30 p.m. – Prayer & Fasting

Monday-Thursday, August 17-20 – Turner County Fair Ice Cream Stand

SOUTH CHURCH NOTES

MCC Sale – We had another fun and successful South Dakota MCC Sale 1 week ago. The preliminary amount raised is about \$60,000!

We would like to thank everyone who helped by donating items for the auction, the Bake Sale, the cut pies for the meal, and hamburger for our church's sloppy joe booth. We appreciate those who volunteered their time to set up everything in the dining room as well as dismantle it at the end under the supervision of Tex Lehmann & Jeff Preheim. We want to remember Cheryle Gering who takes care of inventory, hosts and makes sure all the food booths have what they need. She was assisted by Sam Gering. Barb Yoder (Sale Treasurer), Crystal Nelson (co-chair of Children's Activities), Monte Waltner (Sno-Cones), Cindy Graber and Brooklyn Ries who cut all the pies, David Graber one of the "Trash Guys", Kris Carlson serving Etc. Shoppe coffee, John Epp helping with the set-up and food, Brittney and Zach Kempf helping with the auction, and Karen and Janver Stucky at the cashier table. My apologies if we forgot one of the many volunteers from our church. Everyone's help was very much appreciated. Thank you to those who came to support the sale by eating good food and bidding on auction items and giving other monetary donations.

So, a big thank you to all who attended and donated money for the mission of MCC making it possible to help those in need here and around the world in the mission of doing relief, development, and peace and justice work.

S. C. MCC Sale Team– Marilyn Brockmueller Chantel Hofer Cindee Mutchelknaus

MCC SCHOOL KITS: MCC has challenged churches and individuals to donate 30,000 school kits this summer. Our church plans to participate in helping MCC meet this goal. As you are shopping in the coming weeks think about how you may contribute to this worthy cause. Following is a list of supplies for each kit: 4 spiral or perforated–page notebooks (70 sheets each), 8 new **unsharpened** pencils, 1 flat ruler (must indicate 30cm markings; inch markings optional), 12 colored pencils (in packaging), 1 large eraser, 4 new black or blue ball point pens, 1 small **all metal-no plastic parts** pencil sharpener (1 or 2 holes). Information and a list of kit items are on display in the narthex. Monetary donations can be given to Lee Brockmueller for school kits or purchase supplies at your convenience. Thank you for your support of this project!

COMMUNITY NOTES

The Silver Lake Association, a local nonprofit started last year to support lake restoration, is hosting a pork loin meal at the lake on Sunday, Aug. 2 from 5:30-7:30p.m. to celebrate the reopening of the Silver Lake Roadside Park. Hayride tours and a brief update on the lake will be provided. RSVPs appreciated but not required, search for SLA on Facebook or visit www.silverlakeassociation.org for details.

The Freeman Network for Justice and Peace will meet Wednesday, August 12 at 11:30 A.M. at the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.