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October 11, 2026

I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE

Prelude *Partita on "Kingsfold" ("I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say")* – arr. Callahan

Choral Call to Worship *All in All* – Stuart Townend, arr. Brian Lockard

Call to Worship (from Isaiah 2:2-5)
It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say:
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.
O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Invocation Prayer

Opening Hymn *Softly and Tenderly* – HWB #491

Greeting and Welcoming Each Other

Hymn of Confession *Great King of Nations* (insert), vs. 1, 2, 5, 6

Anthem *How Deep the Father's Love For Us* – arr. Philipp Machac

II. HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Scripture Readings Isaiah 12:1-6 (ESV); 1 Timothy 2:1-6 (NIV)
Matthew 22:1-14(ESV)

Sermon *Called and Chosen*

III. Receiving The Spirit, Joined in Christ's Body

Announcements and Offerings

- **Today's Worship offering:** General Fund
- **Today's Sunday school offering:** FRHS Assisted Living
- **Children's Offering:** Oyate Hope Academy

Congregational Sharing & Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

IV. Returning to God's Service as New Creatures

Closing Hymn *Here From All Nations*– HWB #276

Benediction
Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted!
Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.
Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for the Holy One is great in your midst!

Postlude *Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow* – arr. Walther

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Speaker: Spencer Bradford; **Worship Leader:** Brooklyn Ries; **Musicians:** Deb Schmeichel (organist); Libby Miller and Landon Miller (special music); Becky Ebbesen(accompanist); **Greeters:** Brad and Kris Carlson; **Coffee:** Conference Room Class

TODAY

Sunday, October 11, 2:00 p.m. – Special Worship Service in Pioneer Hall
Including special speakers and Alumni & Friends Choir
4:00 p.m. – Open FA building tours

THE CHURCH AT WORK

NEXT SUNDAY, October 18, 2026

Speaker: Spencer Bradford; **Worship Leader:** Gregg Waltner; **Greeters:** Brad and Kris Carlson; **Musicians:** Heather Haggerty (organist); Mixed Octet (special music); **Coffee:** Conference Room Class

Worship Offering: Voice of Hope
Sunday School Offering: Voice of Hope
Children's Offering: Oyate Hope Academy

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, October 13, 7:00 p.m. – Christian Formation Meeting

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 18 – Host Mission Sunday with North Church as guests
Sunday October 25 – Congregation Conversations & Lunch

SOUTH CHURCH NOTES

On Sunday, Oct. 18, Jonah and Memee Yang, from the Voice of Hope mission organization in southeast Asia, will speak at the **joint Salem & Salem-Zion Mennonite Church service**, hosted by South Church. The morning worship service with the Yangs will begin at 9:30 a.m., and mission presentations by the Yangs for adults and children will follow at 11:00. All are invited to a fellowship lunch following the mission program.

COMMUNITY NOTES

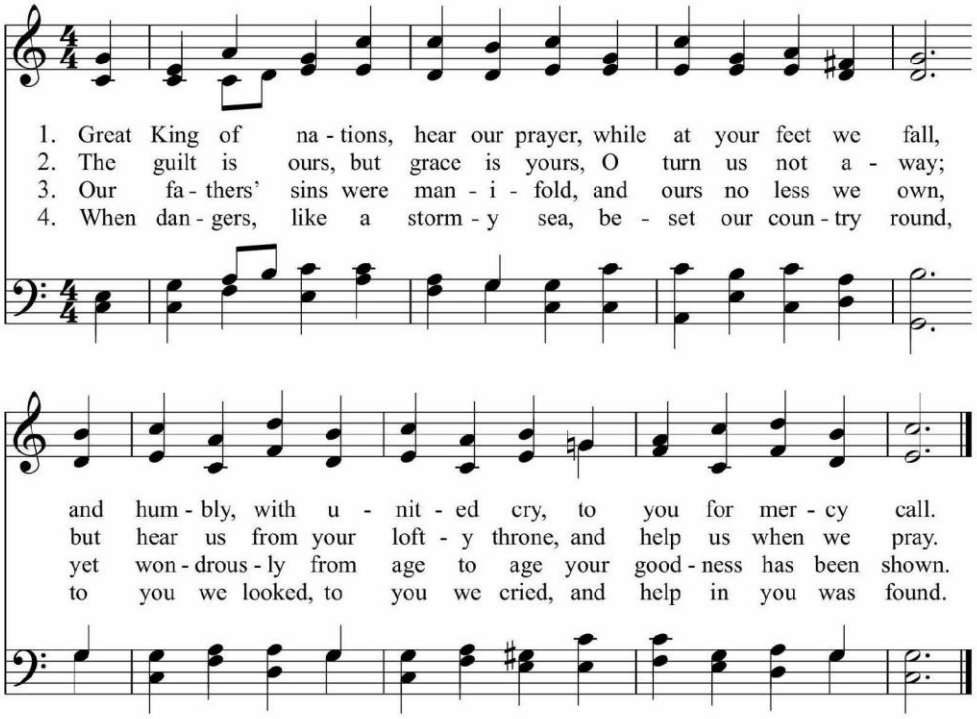
Worship service celebrating Freeman Academy's 123-year Faith Legacy: This afternoon, a special worship service is planned in Pioneer Hall to honor Freeman Academy and Freeman Junior College's faith witness. The FA alumni and friends choir will sing, three former heads of school will share reflections, and we will thank God for the gift of our school for so many generations. Refreshments and tours of the campus will be available after the service. The service begins at 2:00 p.m. and will be livestreamed on the Freeman Academy YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/@freemanacademy1302

Bethel College's 2026 Fall Fest is Oct. 14-18, with most activities taking place Saturday, Oct. 17, on campus. Features include music, food, class reunions, football (Bethel vs. Tabor), the musical *The Spitfire Grill* by James Valcq and Fred Alley, an artist and exhibit reception for Professor Emeritus of Art Bob Regier, and a 75th-anniversary celebration of the Bethel-Wuppertal student exchange.

On Sunday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. rehearsals will begin for the Swiss Choral Society in preparation of John Rutter's *Requiem.* Rehearsals will take place at Salem-Zion Mennonite and scores will be provided. All singers are encouraged to attend!

On Sunday, Oct 25 – The film **"The Voice of Hind Rajab,"** winner of the "Silver Lion Grand Jury Prize" at the 2025 film festival, will be shown Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at the Interpretive Center in Freeman. This film is sponsored by The Freeman Network for Justice and Peace.

Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer



5. With one consent we meekly bow
beneath your chast'ning hand,
and, pouring forth confession meet,
mourn with our mourning land.

6. With pitying eye behold our need,
as thus we lift our pray'r;
correct us with your judgments, Lord,
then let your mercy spare.

John H. Gurney, 1838
Mod.

ST. ANNE C.M.
Attr. to William Croft, 1678–1727
Tate and Brady, *Supplement to the New Version,* 1708