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I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE

Prelude

"For the Fruit of All Creation" – arr. Held
"How Firm a Foundation" – arr. Hobby, Moyer

Call to Worship (Psalm 131)

O LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high;

I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.

But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child is my soul within me.

O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.

Invocation Prayer

Opening Hymn

"For the Fruit of All Creation" – Insert

Greeting and Welcoming Each Other

Hymn of Confession

"I am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus" – HWB #564

II. HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 14:22-29

Anthems

"He Will Hold Me Fast" – Ada Ruth Habershon/Matthew Merker

"I Can Do All Things Through Christ" – Alan Friesen

Scripture Reading

Luke 12:22-34

Sermon

"Trusting God Beyond Our Anxieties"

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

Announcements and Offerings

- **Today's Worship offering:** General Fund
- **Today's Sunday school offering:** Swan Lake Christian Camp
- **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

"Lord With Devotion We Pray" – HWB #79

Benediction

Seek the Kingdom of God, rejoice in his goodness, and may the LORD your God bless you in all the work of your hands that you do.

Postlude

Speaker: Spencer Bradford; **Worship Leader:** Brent Brockmueller; **Greeters:** Wendy & Brian Miller; **Musicians:** Deb Schmeichel (organist), Alan Friesen (special music); **Coffee:** Classroom #14

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

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

Pastor's Class in Pastor's Study during Sunday school.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, October 14, 7:30 p.m. – Christian Formation Team Meeting

Tuesday, October 14, 6:00 p.m. – Monthly Conversation & Prayer with Ecuador Two Way Mission support group (see news & notes for details)

Wednesday, October 15, 2:00 p.m. – FA Dorm Freezer Meals

NEXT SUNDAY, October 19, 2025

Speaker: Spencer Bradford; **Worship Leader:** Renee Bradford; **Greeters:** Wendy & Brian Miller; **Musicians:** Heather Haggerty (organist); Freeman Academy (special music); **Coffee:** Classroom #14

Worship Offering: Ecuador Project

Sunday School Offering: Freeman Regional Assisted Living

Children's Offering: Weekend School Lunch Bag Program

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 26 – All Saints Sunday:

Please bring photographs on that day of loved ones no longer with us.

Sunday, November 2 – Mission Festival Sunday at Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

Sunday, November 2, 1:00 p.m. – Fall Bible study begins

Friday, November 28, 7:30 p.m. – Swiss Choral Society, *"Mass in G"* @Salem-Zion

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

Lost & Found: Someone left a purple doom-shaped net cover and a pie server at the Graber Barn. Please pick it up in the Fellowship Hall.

Mission & Service Team invites you to participate in the Zoom gathering on Tuesday, October 14: Go to waterfordchurch.org, then click on Worship, Online Resources, scroll to Prayers for Two-Way Mission and click on video or dial in – or in your Zoom app put in the Meeting ID: 853 3848 4428 and Passcode: 274788.

Fall Bible Study will be a book study on “Reclaiming Rural” by Allen T. Stanton. It focuses on the unique challenges and opportunities for rural churches. Books will be available for participants. Sessions will occur on Sundays, November 2, 9, 16, and 23 at 1:00 p.m. Sign-up sheet is available on the Narthex table. **If you wish to share a book, please sign both names on the same line.** We need to order by October 19.

Bonita Tieszen’s family invites the church and community to a memorial reception at the South Church Fellowship Hall on Thursday, Oct. 30 at 11:00 a.m. The family will attend a graveside burial service earlier that morning.

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

Freeman Academy Fall Music Concert – October 16, 2025, 7:30 p.m.

The music Department (grades 7-12) ensembles performing will be Chamber Choir, Concert Choir, and Concert Band. Featured instrumentalists will include Sherilyn Ortman, piano; Craig Wollman, bass guitar; Jim McKinney, drums. Directors are Rolf Olson – choirs, and Mataya Yilmaz – band. All are Welcome!

Freeman Academy’s Annual Fall Church Drive begins Sunday, October 19. The students will share music during worship that morning. During this harvest season, we are thankful for the alumni and friends of Freeman Academy and all you do to support students and the school! During the Church Drive, we ask you to consider making a gift to the school’s general fund. Committee members will be available at a table to receive your donations. If you are not in church on the 19th 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.

Swiss Choral will begin rehearsals on Sunday, October 19, 7:00 p.m. at Salem-Zion Mennonite Church. Schubert's *Mass in G* will be performed, accompanied by string quartet on Friday, November 28. Vocal scores will be provided. Please come and join in singing, community, and fellowship as we work to prepare a beautiful piece of music! Dan Graber

Join the Freeman Regional Health Service Auxiliary for soup, sandwiches, and pie on October 24 from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizen Center in Freeman. While you're there, be sure to take home some delicious homemade goodies from the bake sale as well! The proceeds from this year's event will go towards a medical scale and an automated medication cabinet at Freeman Regional. If you would like to donate baked goods, please deliver them to the Senior Citizen Center between 8:30-10:30 a.m. the day of the event. Thank you for your support!

Our annual **Harvest Mission Festival** will be hosted at Salem-Zion Mennonite on **November 2nd**. Our special speaker is Linda Shelly, recently retired Mennonite Mission Network director for Latin America. Known for her gift of connecting people, churches, and ministries, Linda's remarkable 44-year career is marked by fostering partnerships, empowering local leadership, and advancing peace, justice, and theological education across Latin America. Linda will speak to the youth during our SS hour at 9:30am, preach in our worship service at 10:30am, and enjoy a fellowship meal at noon. During the SS hour for all adults, Tim Eisenbeis will lead a discussion of listening for God's call in local missions. In the evening at 7:00pm, Linda will speak again and we will surround our worship with special music and children's voices. Salem Mennonite is warmly invited to all these services as we celebrate Christ's church throughout the world. An offering will be received on Sunday morning for Mennonite Mission Network.

Prayer Seeds for October

We are thankful for

- The beauty of God's creation and especially for a harvest moon arising as we prayed
- The bounty of the harvest.
- The halting steps toward peace in Gaza
- The choirs starting their fall and winter seasons
- The presence of Oyate Hope Academy on Pine Ridge Reservation
- The special gift of individuals who have died in the last six weeks
- The rituals of communion and footwashing that remind of Your love

We are mindful of the need for Your watchful care and presence

- With the many people in our congregation grieving the loss of loved ones
- With the diplomats and decision-makers working toward peace in Gaza and we are mindful of the many families on both sides who have suffered losses in this conflict for two years since October 7.
- In the harvest, for safety in all processes
- For Brice Kaufman starting his new position at Freeman Academy
- For the planning happening in the congregation for the next year
- For the November book study concerning the mission of rural congregations
- For Oyate Hope Academy's building project and their fundraising goals
- For our nation's leaders to come to consensus on health care issues

Praying for and with the congregation—Spencer, Duane, and Lois

For the Fruit of All Creation

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

5 For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to

8 God. For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing,
 done. In our world - wide task of car - ing
 God. For the won - ders that as - tound us,

si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in
 for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing, in the har - vests
 for the truths that still con - found us, most of all that

14 earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 love has found us, thanks be to God.

