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June 30, 2024

I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE

Prelude

"O God, Our Faithful God" – arr. Johnson/J.S. Bach

Call to Worship (Psalm 103:8-14)

- Leader: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.
- People: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- People: as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
- Leader: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who revere him.
- People: For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

Opening Prayer

- **Opening Hymn** *"God of Grace and God of Glory"* HWB #366
- Welcome and Greeting One Another

Confession of Sin (based on Psalm 103)

- Leader: The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.
- People: We mortals are like grass, blooming and fading like flowers of the field; the wind passes over, and we are gone. Our faith has also been flourishing and fading, variable and inconstant with the wind. We have resisted your rule and righteousness toward all. Forgive us our weakness and wandering from the ways you have taught us, we pray, O Lord, and restore us to your paths.

Leader: The steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to for generations to come, for those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Anthem "Great is Thy Faithfulness" – Chisholm/Runyon/arr. Schrader

II. HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Scripture Readings John 15:5-17; Romans 12:1-2; Philippians 1:1-10

"Yesterday When I was Young"

Sermon

Children's Message

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

Hymn of Response *"Wonderful Grace of Our Loving Lord"* – HWB #151

Announcements & Offerings

- Today's Worship offering: Mennonite Disaster Service
- Today's Sunday school offering: AMBS/EMS
- Children's Offering: Bethany Food Pantry

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

IV. RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn"Blest Be the Tie That binds" – HWB #421Sung Benediction"Alleluia" – Larry Gatlin/arr. Julie KnowlesPostlude"Lord, Dismiss us With Thy Blessing" – arr. Kendall

Greeters: Bob & Cheryl Wollmann; **Worship Leader:** Lois Preheim; **Musicians:** Debra Schmeichel (organist/accompanist), Soulmates; **Speaker:** Pastor Bob; **Children's Message:** Jeri Butkus; **Coffee:** Class #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. There are small cups with lids for children to use.

Please join us for a potluck meal to celebrate Pastor Bob & Marla's years of ministry with us.

THIS WEEK

Wed. (3rd), 7:00 p.m. – Bible Study: "Hymns Across Times and Seasons"
9:30 a.m. – Early Bulletin Deadline

NEXT SUNDAY, July 7

Speaker: Kate Friesen; **Worship Leader:** Crystal Nelson; **Musicians**: Brad Anderson (pianist); **Greeters:** Brent & Angie Brockmueller; **Coffee:** Class #10

Worship Offering: MCUSA Sunday school Offering: Salem Sunday School Children's Offering: Bethany Food Pantry

COMING EVENTS

July 13 – Fellowship Hall Reserved
July 18 – Serving at the Yankton Banquet
July 20 – SD MCC Relief Sale
July 21 – Matt Erdman will Share about Family First Uganda

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

The sign-up sheet for making food and serving at the Banquet on Thursday, July 18, is on the narthex table. Monetary donations for groceries are welcome and may be given to Lee Brockmueller earmarked "The Banquet". Thank you for your willingness to help!

Church Council would like to have an updated pictorial directory made. Anyone who is interested in helping organize this project should contact Vernetta before July 11.

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

Church friends, during our busy summer season, if anyone who is driving to Sioux Falls or Yankton would be willing to haul some boxes of excess or expired donations to Goodwill for us, we would be so grateful. Feel free to pull up to our back door, and we'll load up as many boxes as you have room for. Thank you for your continued support of our work! -Et Cetera Shoppe

MCC Relief Sale reminders:

- My Coins Count keep saving those coins for Bolivia where water shortages are a very real threat! \$100 will help provide pure water for drinking and help to pipe spring water from the mountains for household use and irrigation
- Consider making a theme basket with family, friends or S.S. class need an idea, go to Google
- Plan now for what you can donate to the **bake sale**

Administration Manager (Full-time): Freeman Academy seeks a well-organized self-starter to manage data systems related to student enrollment, faculty certification, and related data. This person also helps organize school meetings and events and assists the Head of School with other tasks as needed. Full benefits, including daycare and tuition discounts, apply. For more information or to apply, access the application at https://freemanacademy.org/about/employment/ or contract Dr. Brad Anderson, Head of School, at banderson@freemanacademy.org / 605.925.4237.

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Prayers and help are needed to support Jerry & Judi Kroeker and Swan Lake Christian Camp. Within the past week, two employees have resigned, one employee needed knee surgery and is not able to work the rest of the summer, and a Bible leader for later this summer has declined to serve. Along with prayers, volunteers and names of potential employees are needed for the camps to run successfully under the Kroeker's leadership. Positions that need to be filled are a full time kitchen person & a program director. Please contact the camp at 605-326-5690 or email at <u>campoffice@myslcc.com</u> to find out how you might be able to support this important ministry.

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am/ Sunday School – Following Worship Amy Waltner, Administrative Assistant (southchurch@goldenwest.net) 925-4553 Spencer Bradford, Pastor 919-808-2024/spencerbradford42@gmail.com Bob Engbrecht, Pastor 648-3017/659-4331