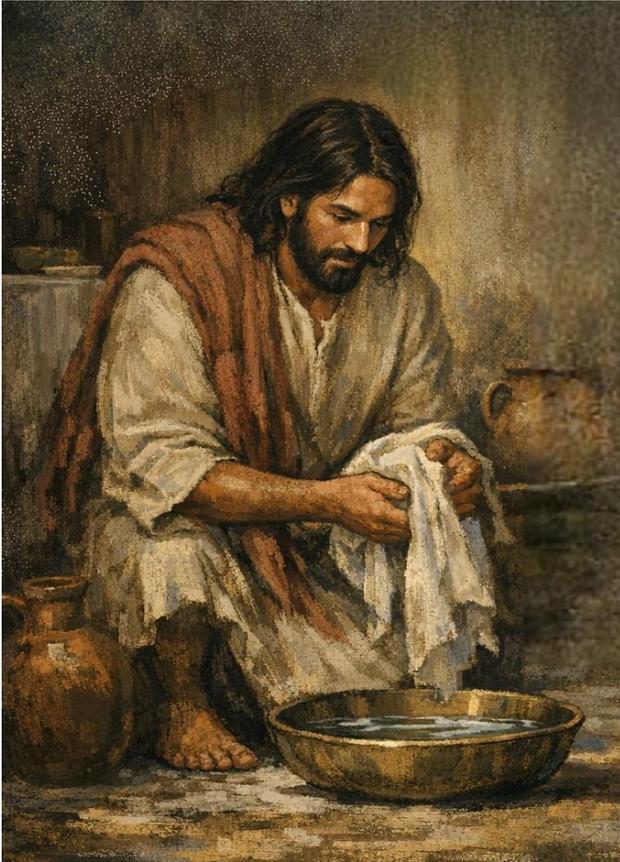


Jesus Took a Knee



Freeport Mennonite Church
3416 East Brick School Road
Freeport, Illinois 61032

*Always moving one step closer towards
Christ, community, and each other.*

March 1, 2026
10:30 a.m.

Mark Your Calendars

03/01/26 @ 10:30 a.m.	Communion Sunday
03/04/26 @ 5:00 a.m.	Men's Small Group
03/04/26 @ 6:00 p.m.	AWANA
03/11/26 @ 5:00 a.m.	Men's Small Group
03/12/26 @ 9:30 a.m.	WMS – Offering FACC
03/18/26 @ 5:00 a.m.	Men's Small Group
03/18/26 @ 1:00 p.m.	COFFEE Small Group
03/18/26 @ 6:00 p.m.	AWANA
03/25/26 @ 5:00 a.m.	Men's Small Group
03/28/26 @ 10:00 a.m.	OWLS Small Group
03/29/26 After Church	Potluck and Congregational Meeting
04/01/26 @ 6:00 p.m.	AWANA
04/05/26 @ 10:30 a.m.	Communion Sunday
04/15/26 @ 6:00 p.m.	AWANA

Contact the Church Secretary to add your event to the calendar.

Sunday bulletins are finalized on Thursday of each week.

**Please submit your requests by Thursday,
to ensure it makes the Sunday bulletin. Thank you.**

Nursery Schedule:

1st Sunday of the month: Misty & Kinzy DeHaven and Carole Nafziger

2nd Sunday of the month: Dottie Delgadillo and Jan Pfile

3rd Sunday of the month: Janet Lubbers and Janice Byler

4th Sunday of the month: Sherrill Oyer and LaVonne Arendsee

5th Sunday of the month: TBD

Things to know...

Installation Service:

There will be an Installation Service for Pastor Rosalind late Spring. We will announce the date once it's determined.

Voices Together Hymnals:

Due to the generous memorial fund donations in memory of Phyllis Remmers Weisel and the wishes of her family to recognize her many years of serving in the music ministry of Freeport Mennonite Church, we were able to purchase several more copies of the "Voice Together" hymnal. The inside cover of these additional hymnals note they are in memory of Phyllis. We have replaced the red "Mennonite Hymnal" with the "Voices Together" hymnal in each pew. If you happen to see Wally, Yvette or April (Phyllis' children), please be sure to thank them for this gift to FMC via utilization of Phyllis' memorial funds.

Free Community Meal:

Freeport Church of the Brethren has free community meals the second Saturday of each month, from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Mennonite Mission Network Announcements:

Please see the bulletin board in the overflow room for details about opportunities in Service Adventure, Service Adventure leaders, and Voluntary Service.

New Facebook Page for FMC:

Our church has recently launched a new Facebook page!

The new page is: **Freeport Mennonite Church – Freeport, IL**

We will be posting upcoming services, events and other information to this page. Please like and share this new page, as the old Facebook page can no longer be updated and used.

Things to know...

Stateline Ministerial Alliance ~ Annual Lenten Worship Services:

The Stateline Ministerial Alliance invites you to join us for our annual Lenten worship services, a season of shared worship and fellowship. Services are held Sundays at 6:30 p.m. (except for the Good Friday Service.)

Food and childcare will be provided at each service.

March 1st, Freeport Mennonite Church, speaker Jim Brown

March 8th, Indian Grove Country Church, speaker Bob Kolb

March 15th, Dakota Presbyterian, speaker Rosalind Young

March 22nd, Calvary UMC - Davis, speaker Matt Mitchell

March 29th - Palm Sunday - No Lenten Service

Friday, April 3rd, St. Paul Church of Epleyanna, Speaker Ralph Taylor
(Good Friday 6:30 p.m.)

2026 Lent at Home Worship Guide:

The theme for the "2026 Lent at Home Worship Guide," taken from Leader magazine, is "Dwelling in Dissonance." Many of the Sunday messages will be drawn from or reference this resource during the Lenten season.

The "At Home" series is intended for all ages and life stages to deepen the experience of the season. The resource is free for all congregations and families of Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada.

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/resource-portal/resource/lent-at-home-2026/>

Illinois Mennonite Conference (IMC) Annual Assembly:

March 6 - March 7 - Lombard Mennonite Church

The 2026 IMC Annual Assembly will be a two-day gathering centered on the theme "**Christ Our Center, Connected as One.**" This year the time and the opportunities are expanded to include worship, listening, discerning, and connecting more deeply as a conference family. Come join us as we seek Christ together and celebrate the many ways we are connected as one body. You can register on Eventbrite.

Things to know...

Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale:

March 20th (6:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.) and March 21st (7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
Plan to join this annual community celebration of generosity to support the relief, development and peace work of Mennonite Central Committee. There will be a general auction, activities for children, excellent food (including a pancake and sausage breakfast, a dutch market and butcher shoppe), booths selling flowers and handmade goods from around the world, lunch stands, wonderful quilts, a Trivia Night on Friday, and more!
Please visit the IMRS website <https://www.ilreliefsale.org/> for current updates.
Interstate Center 1106 Interstate Dr. Bloomington, IL 61705

Menno Haven Work Day:

Join us Saturday, March 28th from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for Menno Haven's Spring Work Day! Come volunteer, meet others who love camp, and enjoy a meal. For more information, see the flyer in the overflow room, talk to David Graybill, and sign up at mennohaven.com/work-day
We'd love to see you there!

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting and Potluck:

Sunday, March 29th, potluck following the worship service, meeting to follow the potluck. For those submitting reports for the meeting, please email them to Amber Fortner freeportmennonitechurch@gmail.com
no later than March 4th. Thank you!

Menno Haven Summer Camp:

Registration is now open for Summer Camp at Menno Haven!
For more information and to register, visit:
<https://www.mennohaven.com/summeryouthcamps.html>

Schedule:

Family Camp ~ May 22-25 Cottontail (Grades 3-5) ~ June 7-10

CROSS Camp (Grades 6-12) ~ June 14-18

****Sports & Crafts Tracks****

Junior High Camp (Grades 6-8) ~ June 21-26

****Trailblazer & Adventure Tracks****

Blue Jay (Grades 4-6) ~ June 28 - July 3

High School Camp (Grades 9-12) ~ July 5-10

****Cardinal & Wilderness Tracks****

Grand Camp (Grandparents & Grandkids) ~ July 26-30

Prayer Requests

Health

- ✝ Karen Harbach, Rosemary Zissler,
- ✝ Vicki Zimmerman, Amber Fortner's brother, Ryan,
- ✝ Marlene Hardaway's great niece, Elly Siebert,
- ✝ Betty Metz's daughter, Carolyn Zuck
- ✝ (Carolyn's address for those wanting to send her a card)
5775 N. Brown Rd.
Dakota, IL 61018

Misc

- ✝ Caryl Horstmeier
- ✝ Janice Byler
- ✝ Paul and Jennifer Boyes
- ✝ David Graybill and his family
- ✝ School-Age Children, as well as our teacher
- ✝ Young Adults: Adrian Delgadillo, Caleb Moss,
JJ Pineda & Lucas Pineda
- ✝ AWANA sponsored MICS students: Jane, Namushi (Lucky),
Joshua, Chipego, Alvin, Estelly, Pritinah & Ketiwe.

Contact the Church Secretary to add your prayer request to the bulletin.

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## *Let's Celebrate!*

### *Birthdays*

3/11 Vicki Zimmerman  
3/15 Amber Fortner  
3/26 Zeke Graybill

### *Anniversaries*

3/28 Doug & Kris Graybill  
3/31 Josh & Misty DeHaven

# *March 1, 2026 ~ Order of Service*

## **\*\*\* Call to Worship**

One: Welcome Lent. Welcome mystery.

All: Welcome actions that surprise.

One: Welcome answers that add more questions.

All: Welcome strangeness to our eyes.

One: Welcome awkward moments.

All: that are holy moments too.

One: Welcome the words of Jesus:

All: "Now go do as I do."

## **Invocation**

## **Scripture Reading**

*Psalms 85*

## **Song**

*VT #91 We Praise Thee, O God*

## **Prayer**

*Sharing of Praises and Concerns*

## **Song**

*VT #813 Heart with Loving Heart United*

## **Song**

*VT #490 Jesus Took a Towel*

## **Dramatic Sketch**

## **Message**

*Pastor Rosalind Young*

Jesus Took a Knee (*John 13:3-5*)

## **Confession and Assurance**

*Confession*

Holy and Kneeling Christ,

We confess that we prefer standing —  
standing in control,

standing in certainty,

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## *Order of Service ~ Continued*

standing in our own strength.  
Like Peter, we resist your grace.  
We over-function.  
We carry what is not ours to carry.  
We serve without pausing to receive.  
Forgive us.  
Teach us to kneel.  
Teach us to trust your love.

### *Assurance*

Hear the good news.  
Before Peter understood,  
Jesus washed his feet.  
Christ has knelt before us.  
Christ kneels before us still.  
Grace comes first.  
Love moves first.  
Mercy does not wait.  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
In Jesus Christ, we are restored.  
In Jesus Christ, we are invited to the table.  
Thanks be to God.

### **Communion**

#### **Communion Song**

*VT #493 All the Room Was Hushed and Still*

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **\*\*\* Closing Song**

*VT #772 God of Justice*

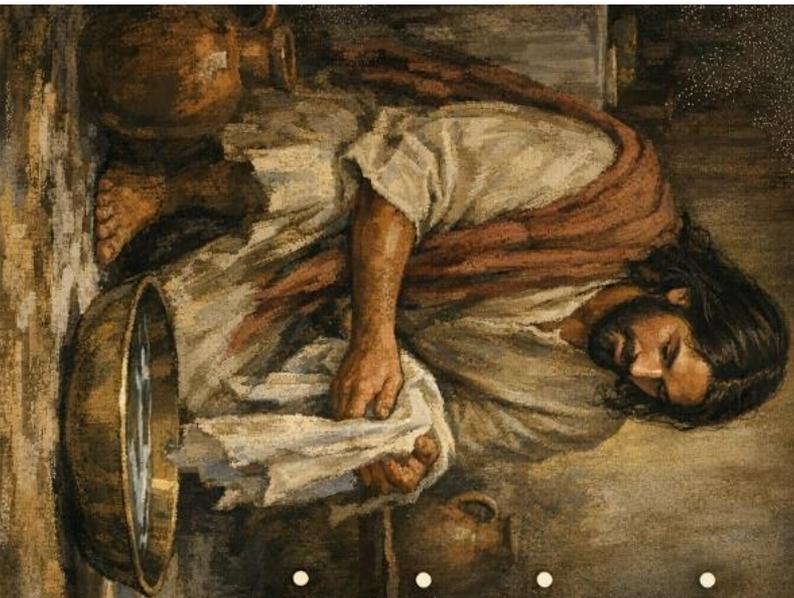
#### **\*\*\* Benediction**

**\*\*\* Please stand if you are able and willing**

# Jesus Took a Knee

— *John 13:3-5 (1-7)* —

- What is one act of kneeling – literal or metaphorical – you could do this week for someone who is overlooked, oppressed, or in need?
- How did Jesus’ kneeling disrupt your expectations of power, leadership, or holiness?
- Where might God be calling you to “take a knee” in your own context – in service, conversation, or advocacy?
- How does the posture of Jesus’ kneeling shape the way you approach communion – and the world beyond this table?



# PRAYERS

# NOTES

**Empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
we commit ourselves to lovingly reach out to all people  
and to bring them into a growing relationship with  
God our Father through His Son, Jesus Christ.**



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