



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

October 10, 2021
Seek the LORD and Live!

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude-*God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* (arr. Wood) Ruby Waltner

Welcome and Bringing Peace Gwen Ortman

Call to Worship From Psalm 100 VT #20

Opening Prayer

* Hymn – *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* #103

Greeting Each Other and “Passing the Peace”

Missional Moment with Mennonite Disaster Service Tim Schrag

Celebrating our Mission with *Mennonite Church USA*

PROCLAIMING

Hearing the Old Testament Story Amos 5:6-7,10-15

Song – *God, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle* #152

Hearing the New Testament & Gospel Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 10:17-31

Sermon – “Leaving everything to follow Jesus” Corey Miller

RESPONDING

Song – *Faith Begins by Letting Go* #585

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

* Sending Song – *Heart with Loving Heart United* #813

Blessing

Postlude – *Postlude* (Young)

Church Calendar

Deadline for bulletin submissions is 8:30 p.m. Wednesday; salemzion@gwtc.net

TODAY

The rich man who had done everything right in his life, met Jesus and was greatly challenged. As we enter into this timeless story of leaving all things for Christ, we find ourselves greatly challenged at Jesus’ invitation. We are glad that you are here to ponder and wrestle with Jesus’ words today.

Welcome to our worship!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for *Mennonite Church USA*.

9:00 a.m. – Zoom Adult Sunday School

9:30-10:15 a.m. – Jr. Dept. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for adults

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

THIS WEEK

Oct. 11 (Mon) – Fall selection ballots are due

Oct. 13 (Wed) – Deacon Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY – October 17

Next Sunday the theme is “*Suffering*.” The scripture texts are Isaiah 53:4-12, Psalm 91:9-16, Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45 and Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Offering next Sunday will be for *Freeman Academy*.

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, Oct. 24 – *Harvest of Peace* Festival with guest speaker John Sharp and FA musicians

Sunday, Oct. 24 – Sunday Evening Fellowship: Bonfire on the church grounds starting at 5:00 p.m.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Elmer Gross continues to be a patient at Sanford Hospital as he tries to recover from Covid-19.

- A memorial service for Irene Schrag was held on Saturday afternoon (October 9th) at Salem-Zion.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Paul & Darlene Engbrecht.

- Elmer and Judy Gross and their family as they walk through uncertain times regarding Elmer’s health.

- a renewed sense that all we have is on loan to us by a very generous and gracious God.
- Courage and Boldness to let go and follow Christ wherever he is calling us to go.
- the conversations that we have during the week with those who see things from a different angle. Pray for grace as we listen and share.
- our farmers as they continue their fall harvest in the very favorable weather. Whether the return is 30, 60 or 100, let us give thanks to the Lord of the Harvest.
- our sister churches in Nebraska: Beemer, Bellwood, Bethesda, First Mennonite of Lincoln, Milford, Salem in Shickley, Wood River, and the Omaha Chin Christian Church, and pray also for the informal gathering of Mennonites in Omaha.

John Sharp to speak at “Harvest of Peace”: Please make plans to attend worship or tune into worship on October 24th, when John Sharp will share with us at our annual “Harvest of Peace” worship service. Normally, this has been called “Harvest Mission Festival” but this year we are celebrating Christ’s Peace as a kind of harvest in God’s Kingdom. John will share his very personal and compelling story of his son, MJ Sharp, who was murdered on March 12, 2017 while promoting peacebuilding, and advocating for the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

John recently retired as history and Bible professor at Hesston College and spends his time researching and writing, leading tours to Europe and Central Asia, and speaking for and about MJ since his death. John was director of the MCUSA Historical Committee and Archives, 1995-2005; and served as pastor in Pennsylvania and Kansas, 1977-1980 and 1983-1995. John earned a B.A. in communication from Goshen College and an M.Div. from Anabaptist Mennonite Seminary, Elkhart IN. He also did graduate work in history at Wichita State University.

John will speak at the South Church at 9:30am and then will speak at the North Church at 10:30am. We pray for seeds of peace to be planted, watered and nurtured in this important time of worship.

On the bulletin board in the narthex you will find your opportunity to volunteer for several tasks that support the overall mission of Salem-Zion. **Serving one another in Love** are one-year commitments. If you need more information, please talk to any members of the Mennonite Women Executive committee. We’re also looking for those who might be interested in serving on the executive committee. This would be a 3-year term. Please find the task that’s right for you!

Because of the Covid numbers, we will *not* be having an in-person shower for Christina Hofer on October 17. Instead, we would like to **celebrate the upcoming wedding of Christina and Paul Zehr by having a money-card shower** for the couple. In addition, there are note cards in each church mailbox that will be compiled into an encouraging book for Christina. Please take the time to write down a favorite recipe, a special Bible verse, a poem, a well-loved song, a book suggestion, or some words of wisdom. You may give your note card and money gift to Kelsey Pidde by putting it in her mailbox or by sending it to her mailing address. Christina and Paul are getting married November 6 at Salem-Zion Mennonite Church.

A hymn sing highlighting the **red and/or blue hymnals** will be postponed until the rate of covid cases in our region greatly decreases. Some of the older damaged hymnals will be disposed of or recycled. If you have suggestions for their next stage of life please communicate your ideas to the Music Committee. The spiral bound books as well as a large number of good condition red hymnals and blue hymnals are currently stored in the Southeast Sunday School classroom (nearest to the Fellowship Hall) in boxes. - Sincerely the Music Committee and the Sunday Evening Fellowship committee.

The (Sunday Evening) Fellowship Committee is hosting a **bonfire** on October 24 here on the church grounds. Yard games for children beginning at 5:00pm will be led by the youth group while adults may bring their own yard games and self-organize. We will feast around the fire on apple cider, hotdogs, brats and carry-in salads/sides. If you are willing to volunteer a side dish, hotdog pokers, or organize the fire pit and seating please contact Charity Ortman or Beth Kaufman.

September Mission Fund Offerings & Gifts: Central Plains Mennonite Conference - \$2,188.00; Mennonite Church USA - \$95.00; Mennonite Education Agency - \$1,039.00; SLCC - \$5.00.

Community Connections

SDMDS Annual Meeting: You are invited to attend the annual meeting of the South Dakota Mennonite Disaster Service to be held at the Hutterthal Mennonite Church, Freeman, SD on October 10, 2021 at 2:00 pm. Introduction will be made to the newly elected Region 3 chairman, Tim Schrag. Region 3 Operations Coordinator, Jeff Koller, will share about Pinhook, Pine Ridge and disasters in Region 3. The business meeting will present information and pictures of the Pine Ridge Volunteer/EMS center which Region 3 MDS has been requested to assist building. Social distancing and masks are requested.

Salem Mennonite Home is having a fundraiser at Huber Holiday Acres on October 14 from 4:00-7:00 pm. Check out the flier on the bulletin board in the narthex for all the details.

Rural Revival Education: Rural Revival will be hosting a home wind and solar tour at the Jurkovich farm Saturday, October 16 at 2:00 pm. Come and see an active wind and solar system providing electricity to a farm home. Learn the basics of installing solar or wind at your home. Location 44018 269th St., 1/2 mile west of Dolton. Bring a lawn chair.

Community Service Day: Freeman Academy students and staff will be loving their neighbors who need help with fall clean-up by raking leaves on October 22, 2021. Please call Freeman Academy main office at 925-4237 x221 and provide your name and address. About 20 Freeman residents receive assistance each year.

A celebration of life will be held for Gene Kaufman, who passed away on December 12, 2020, on Saturday, October 23, at 2 p.m. at the Salem Mennonite Church of rural Freeman. The family invites you to an informal time of listening to music and sharing memories about Gene's life. The service will include a time for sharing, during which we would love to hear your memories and stories about Dad. Gene's family respectfully requests that those who are not vaccinated for COVID either wear a mask inside the church or attend via Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/278905019>). Memorial gifts will be designated for Mennonite Central Committee and the Freeman Academy Music Department.

Freeman Regional Hospital Auxiliary Fund Drive: It is a privilege to have the Freeman Regional Health Services in our community. In the past we have had a fund drive during the month of May and soup day at the Senior Citizen's center in Freeman. Because of Covid we have not had the fund drive and it has been decided not to have Soup Day for the second year in a row. We are having a fund drive in October this year asking for cash donations instead of asking for food, working at soup day, or food for the bake sale. The donations will help to purchase needed equipment for the hospital, nursing home, and clinic. Your participation in this fund drive will be greatly appreciated. There will be boxes at the banks and the grocery stores in Freeman where you may drop your donations, or give them to the designated person in your church, who is Clara Graber, by October 31, 2021. THANK YOU!

God's Peace: "The crisis in the U.S. church has almost nothing to do with being liberal or conservative; it has everything to do with giving up on the faith and discipline of our Christian baptism and settling for a common, generic U.S. identity that is part patriotism, part consumerism, part violence, and part affluence." - Walter Brueggemann

Zoom Adult Sunday School

<https://zoom.us/j/97667382194?pwd=NHNieHZ6a29ZMGpZSHJpczlibUxtdz09>; Meeting ID: 976 6738 2194; Passcode: 523139

Livestream link for Sunday morning worship

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX8KyFIZChK0Ef-rlBAaS3A>

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