



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

October 11, 2020

“Falling...”

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – Fanfare on *Come, ye thankful people* (Charles Callahan) Mory Ortman

Welcome and Call to Worship Malynda Penner

L: Beloved children of God, quiet your mind and still your restlessness. Come before God.

**P: Like a bird that lights on a branch, we come to the pause of God.**

L: Warm your heart, stir up your spirit. Come before God.

**P: Like flame dancing on a candle’s wick, we come to the dance of God.**

L: Open your hands, meet the eyes of your neighbors. Come before God.

**P: Like rustling leaves blowing in autumn wind, bright with color, deep when gathered, we fall into the presence of God.**

**ALL: We come before God to worship, praise and adore!**

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn – *Come, ye thankful people* (HWB #94)

Choristers: Karina Ortman, Mark Ortman

Children’s Story Sheila Epp

Celebrating God’s Mission – Mennonite Church USA

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Old Testament Jeremiah 25:8-11; 52:12-15

Song – *When from the darkness* (SJ #102)

\* Hearing the Gospel Luke 13:31-35

Sermon – “Falling Upward” Corey Miller

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL

Testimony Jeremy Waltner

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Sending Song – *Move in our midst* (HWB #418)

Benediction

Postlude – *How Firm a Foundation* (arr. Craig Courtney)

Sending Song Outside – *Praise God from whom*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Praise God from whom all blessings flow; in heav’n above and earth below; one God three persons we adore. To God be praise forevermore.*

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

Falling down often hurts, in more ways than one. Today, we recall the fall that Judah experienced as a result of unfaithfulness to God’s shalom goals. But in Christ, there is always good news. If you feel “fallen” in any form, know that God’s love is here to hold you and pick you up. We are so glad you have joined us for worship!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Mennonite Church USA**. **#BringThePeace** is Mennonite Church USA’s call to action for individuals and congregations to extend peace in our communities. We are called to extend God’s holistic peace, proclaiming Christ’s redemption for the world with our lives. Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” John 20: 19b. May our offerings today help MC USA continue to Bring the Peace to this world that God loves so much.

**TODAY** – Catechism at 9:30 a.m.

No in-person Jr. Sunday School (Preschool - 8th grade)

The Christ in Crisis study has been canceled for today

### NEXT SUNDAY – October 18

Next Sunday we will reflect on the church’s relationship with “**Caesar**.” The scripture texts will be Isaiah 45:1-7, I Thessalonians 1:1-10 and Matthew 22:15-22. We are blessed that Central Plains Conference Minister **Susan Janzen** will be bringing the message.

Offering next Sunday will be for **Freeman Academy**.

### COMING EVENTS

**Oct. 25 – Harvest Mission Festival** celebrating our local mission activities

**Nov. 1 – All Saints Day** as we remember and give thanks for those in our church who died in the past year

**Nov. 22 – Annual Congregational Business Meeting** (watch for details)

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### Happenings over the past week:

- Sadly, Gloria Graber’s brother Wesley Richard died on Tuesday after complications with his brain bleed. Gloria and Gary were able to attend the funeral which was held on Saturday at the Church of the Brethren in Goshen, Indiana.

### Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Hilda Kaufman.  
- Gloria Graber and the loss of her brother Wesley.

- the Pastor/Congregational Review, that it will help us all grow in our faith witness and mission.
- farmers that continue to work in very dry conditions. Pray for protection from injury and fire in this season.
- Ken Mannes will be having heart surgery next Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> in Sioux Falls to replace an aortic valve and possible by-pass surgery. Let's remember Ken and Mary as they prepare for this important surgery and recovery.
- our sister churches in Eastern Iowa: First Mennonite of Iowa City, East Union, West Union, Kalona, and Wellman Mennonite Churches.

**Remember to thank God for:**

- the pastor/congregation review committee and the selection committee for their work in our church.

**Salem-Zion Connects with Caring Cards:** There have been some touching stories of how our Caring Cards have blessed people's lives, and I've also heard of those who never got a card. I would encourage you to take the time to write a note of affirmation to the person that you were assigned. It may be just the thing that they need at this time in their life.

Sign up now in the narthex to "**Serve one another in Love**". The sign-up sheet will be available until October 25, so now is the time to choose how you will serve those with whom you worship and fellowship. All who attend on a regular basis are encouraged to sign up. Please read the explanation of each role, and if there are questions, please ask Elizabeth Janssen, MW Exec. Chairwoman.

Remember to turn in your **Congregational/Pastoral Review** by next Sunday, Oct. 18. All regular participants high school age and older are encouraged to participate. *If you have not received a form, or need to receive it in a different format, please contact Lisa Kaufman.* Electronic forms can be emailed to the church office ([salemzion@gwtc.net](mailto:salemzion@gwtc.net)). Paper forms can be mailed to the church at 27844 443rd Ave, Freeman, SD 57029 or placed in the box in the narthex. Your feedback and suggestions will help support Salem-Zion's leaders, one another, and our shared ministry in the coming months and years.

Please note that **fall selection ballots** are due on Monday, October 12.

**September Mission Fund Offerings and Gifts:** Mennonite Church USA - \$2,395.00; AMBS - \$130.00; Central Plains Mennonite Conference - \$1,970.00; SLCC - \$730.00; MCC - \$500.00; MDS - \$500.00; MMN - \$450.00; Freeman Academy - \$310.00.

As the end of the church's fiscal year approaches, please plan on the following deadlines: all information for the annual business meeting is due by **November 5** and the yearbook deadline will be **December 1**. Please continue to share updated contact information with the church office as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance.

**Church office:** Lisa will be in the church office on Thursday mornings and by appointment as requested. Feel free to reach her by cell phone or e-mail throughout the rest of the week.

**Community Connections**

Weekend Position: **Freeman Academy is looking for weekend support staff at the dorm.** Resident Supervisors work one to two weekends a month for \$100/day. Responsibilities include making one or two meals with student help, being available to residents between meals, and supervising lights-out at bedtime. For more information contact Lynnelle Allison at 605-925-4237 ext. 225.

**Freeman Academy Donations (New or gently used items):** Large rice cooker, KitchenAid mixer, Processed meat, Large Air Fryer, Large InstaPot, Large Crock Pot, Full-size box spring & mattress, Bicycles, Twin mattresses. Receipts are available. Contact Michelle Fink at [mfink@freemanacademy.org](mailto:mfink@freemanacademy.org) or text 605-659-5591.

**Freeman Academy Community Service Day – Friday, October 30:** It is that time of year the leaves fall and our students can give back to Freeman residents by helping them rake them up. Friday, October 30 watch for students of all ages raking around town. We are so thankful for all of your support. Please contact Judy at 605-925-4237 to reserve a spot as they go fast. Happy Fall y'all!

Share your thoughts! **Mennonite Central Committee** is partnering with the Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions and we need your feedback. Please take 5-7 minutes to complete the survey at [https://emu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9BnFW6BuACQHZwp](https://emu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9BnFW6BuACQHZwp) to help MCC establish an understanding of how congregations are involved with creation care and advocacy. Please email [centralstates@mcc.org](mailto:centralstates@mcc.org) for more information.

**Knowing God's Peace:** "We are not at peace with others because we are not at peace with ourselves, and we are not at peace with ourselves because we are not at peace with God." - Thomas Merton

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