

October 17, 2021
Suffering

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude Sheila Epp

Welcome and Call to Worship (From Psalm 91) Gloria Graber
 L: Those who love God and know God's name, will be delivered and protected.

P: When we call to God, God will answer us.

L: God will be with us in times of trouble.

P: God will rescue us and honor us.

L: With long life, God will satisfy them...

ALL: And show us to God's salvation!

Opening Prayer

* Hymn – *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* VT #126

Greeting Each Other and “Passing the Peace”

Peace Lamp *The Kingdom of God* #799

Celebrating our Mission with *Freeman Academy*

Children's Story Lacey Friesen

PROCLAIMING

Hearing the Old Testament Story Isaiah 53:4-12

Song – *Come, Ye Disconsolate* #643

* Hearing the Gospel Mark 10:35-45

Sermon – “Growing Through Suffering” Corey Miller

RESPONDING

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

* Sending Song – *My Life Flows On* #605

Blessing

Postlude (Anointing for prayers of healing)

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

James and John wanted seats in glory, but Jesus reminded them of suffering that would happen. Today, as we gather to worship, we are mindful of suffering in the world, in our lives and in the church. How does our faith welcome suffering? We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Freeman Academy**.

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

Wednesday, Oct. 20 – Board of Education meeting at 7:30pm

NEXT SUNDAY – October 24

Next Sunday is our annual “Harvest Mission Festival” and the theme is “Peace Harvest.” The scripture texts are Matthew 5:43-48 and II Corinthians 5:17-20 and John Sharp will be preaching. 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. Freeman Academy students will also be providing music in our worship service.

Offering next Sunday will be for **Mennonite Mission Network**.

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.

Sunday, Oct. 31 – All Saints Day. We will be remembering those who died last year in this service.

Sunday, Nov. 14 – Over 80's Tea

Sunday, Nov. 21 – Annual Business Meeting

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Elmer Gross is hoping to be released from Sanford Hospital on Thursday and will be recovering at Oakview Terrace in Freeman.

- Last Monday was Indigenous Peoples Day. How much do you know about the Doctrine of Discovery? Learn more about it and how it continues to devastate indigenous cultures in Sarah Augustine's new book, "The Land Is Not Empty."

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Ardelle Schrag.
- Elmer Gross as he continues to gain strength following his bout with Covid-19.
- greater awareness of the losses that indigenous people feel and know in the many losses they have experienced throughout the history of our country's formation.
- a sense of worshipful wonder in the rains that came to us last Wednesday.
- the pastors of CPMC who will meet in Omaha next weekend to learn from Scott Peterson about "Following Christ in a Partisan World". May it be a fruitful time of learning and fellowship.

God's Peace Learned: (The following was on MCC's website on Monday)

"America does not teach its own history; America teaches a mythology. We didn't discover this land, we dehumanized it. What we call expansion was actually ethnic cleansing and the liberty and justice we love to tout, our own founding documents state those only exist for a narrowly defined few. Our declaration of Independence refers to Natives as 'merciless Indian savages.'

The foundations of our nations are systemically racist. They all assume Native Peoples and People of Color are not fully human. What do we do with this? How do we acknowledge this, both as a church and as Americans and how do we move forward?

"There's an Aboriginal leader, his name is Georges Erasmus, and he says, 'where common memory is lacking, where people do not share in the same past, there can be no real community.' If you want to build community, you have to start by creating common memory." – Mark Charles, Doctrine of Discovery speaker, Navajo.

To learn more about dismantling the doctrine of discovery, visit dofdmenno.org.

All high school age students at Salem Zion: Sunday school classes on October 24 and 31 will be unique for the Youth Class (high school age). Tim Waltner will present the Anabaptist position of pacifism, non-violence and status of becoming a Conscientious Objector (CO) as an alternative to military service. All are encouraged to attend these classes and to invite other interested students. – Marlan Kaufman, Sunday School Superintendent

Minutes from the August deacon meeting are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

"Guess who's Coming to Dinner" is normally held the first part of November. Because of continued concern of Covid-19, the Hospitality Committee has decided to cancel this year's event.

The **Mentor-Mentee Program** is being revamped this year. We have 5 new mentor-mentee pairings: Stan Ortman - Sam Waltner, Hannah Miller - Estelle Waltner, Austin Unruh - Oliver Waltner, Malynda Penner - Ella Waltner, and Jon Graber - Josh Janssen. Please keep them in your prayers as they develop enriching relationships throughout the coming year. - Liz Graber

Greetings from NC! Adam and I were able to close on our home and move in October 1st. Blake and Piper continue to do very well at their new schools. We have seen deer in the yard every day since moving in and find plants and insects that wouldn't survive SD winters. Weekends we have been hiking in the Smoky Mountains or finding shells in the Atlantic. Sundays we have enjoyed watching your livestream until we find a church closer to home. Thank you for all the prayers and well wishes. We'd love to keep in touch! Blessings to you all. ~Meranda Van Ningen

Serving one another in Love is on the bulletin board. Will you take a look and **see if there's a place for you to serve for a year?** Sign up by October 31st. Remember to ask any members of the executive committee your questions.

We would like to **celebrate the upcoming wedding of Christina and Paul Zehr by having a money-card shower** for the couple. There are cards by the Mennonite Women bulletin board 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 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.

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.

Posted this week on the bulletin board in the narthex: the **2020 Et Cetera Shoppe financial report** and an invitation to the **MDS Region 3 Annual Meeting** on November 12 and 13 in Hesston, KS (Zoom option available, as well).

Community Connections

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.

The **Rural Revival** monthly meeting will be October 25 at 8 pm in the Freeman Public Library, downtown Freeman.

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!

Would you like to use your vocational skills *and* spiritual gifts in your place of employment? **Mennonite Mission Network** may be the place for you. We will be adding to our team across several departments, with immediate openings and more coming soon. Join us in sharing the good news of Christ across the street and around the world. Visit MennoniteMission.net/Employment to find all open positions.

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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