



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

October 20, 2019

## Holding Space: Help From Friends

*“They sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word...” - Job 2:13*

### GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *Adagio from Organ Sonata #5* Josef Rheinberger

Welcome and Call to Worship (from II Corinthians 1:3) Gloria Graber

L: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**P: The Father of all mercies and the God of all consolation.**

L: God consoles us in all our affliction,

**P: so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction.**

**ALL: Just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us,  
so also our consolation is abundant through Christ.**

Opening Prayer

\* Hymn of Praise – *Holy God, we praise thy name* HWB #121

Greetings and Announcements

### HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Texts Job 2:11-13, Job 4,8,11 Reader’s Theater

Sermon – “With a little help from my friends” Jeremy Waltner

Hymn – *Help us to help each other* HWB #362

### RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering our gifts – Freeman Academy

Offertory – *The Old Rugged Cross* Bennard, arr. Barnes

Saxophone Quartet – Ethan Rops, Beau Miller, Gabe Miller, Paul Hoff

\* Song – *Praise God from whom* (HWB #119) & Offertory Prayer

Special Music – *I Will Be a Child of Peace* Elaine Hagenberg  
Chamber Choir

Testimony Nathan Epp

Sharing and Congregational Prayer Janette Epp

Special Music – *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* arr. Kyle Pederson  
Concert Choir; Gabe Miller, guitar

### SENDING

Benediction

Postlude – *Prelude to “Te Deum”* Charpentier, arr. Smith

Brass Quintet – Areli Cortes & Tyler Brockmueller, trumpets;

Josie Epp, trombone; Titus Roesler, euphonium; Seth Balzer, tuba

\* Congregation please stand. If standing is difficult, please remain seated.

*The peace lamp is lit weekly as a reminder that there is violence and suffering in the world. We as a faith community pray for peace for all people and look for ways to be active in peacemaking and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.*

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

When friends are suffering, we don’t often know what to say or do. Today, Job’s friends come to visit him and they sit in silence for a long time.

Sometimes the best thing we can do is just show up. We are blessed to have the Freeman Academy choirs here to share their gifts of music with us. We are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us this morning.

**Greeters:** Lori & Mark Ortman; **Organist:** Ken Mannes

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

10:10 a.m. – Fellowship Time

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

### **“Celebrating Giving”**

Freeman Academy, the recipient of this morning’s offering, infuses Christ’s call into all learning through Anabaptist principles, aiming to cultivate the unique, God-given gifts of all students in a safe, caring, and creative community. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

### THIS WEEK

Oct. 23 (Wed) 7:30 p.m. – Ladies choir rehearsal

Oct. 23 7:30 p.m. – Deacons meeting

### NEXT SUNDAY – Oct. 27

Next Sunday is Harvest Mission Festival. Mennonite Mission Network workers Jane and Jerell Ross Richer will be sharing. Jerell will be sharing stories during the SS hour in the Fellowship Hall and his wife Jane will be preaching during our worship service. We are invited to South Church for a noon meal and conversations (see insert for additional details).

**Greeters:** Elmer & Judy Gross; **Organist:** Ruby Waltner; **Offering:** Mennonite Mission Network; **Special Music:** Mixed octet

### COMING EVENTS

**Oct. 30** – Ladies choir rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

**Oct. 31** – Outreach and Service Committee meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**Nov. 3** – Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner

**Nov. 5** – Deadline for annual business meeting reports

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

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### Happenings over the past week:

- Jared Dick had knee surgery on Tuesday and is recovering at home.
- Pastor Corey and Nancy traveled to Indiana on Friday to see daughter Hannah. They will return home on Monday.

### Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Sharon Schmidt.
- Jared Dick as he heals from his surgery.
- Central Plains Mennonite Conference as we look for an Executive Conference Minister.
- our farmers as they begin the fall harvest.
- the Annual Meeting Task group as they meet in Des Moines, IA on the 22nd to plan Annual Meeting 2020. May the planning (and the event) be Spirit-led.

### Remember to thank God for:

- the work of the MCC Meat Canner and for all the ways they are bringing healing and hope to the world. We thank God that Gabriel Eisenbeis is able to serve with the other young men.
- all the ways that our friends have walked alongside of us in our hurts, losses and suffering.

**Turning in Forms for CARING GROUPS:** Today is the last day for you to sign up for being in a Caring Group. Brochures are in the foyer and if you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Corey or any of the deacons. The deacons will meet on Wednesday to begin formulating the groups.

**Guess Who's Coming to Dinner** is scheduled for November 3. You may sign up as guests or hosts on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. The deadline for signing up is TODAY.

Sign-up TODAY in the narthex to "**Serve one another in Love**". The sign-up sheet will be available until noon, so now is the time to choose how you will serve those with whom you worship and fellowship. Both men and women are encouraged to take part. If there are questions, please ask Elizabeth Janssen, MW Exec. Chairwoman.

**Household Treasury Report** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month: Balance: -\$11,917.38 Salem-Zion's fiscal year ends soon (October 31). We greatly appreciate your giving throughout the year to keep our Salem-Zion community functioning. Thank you for your continued generosity as the fiscal year comes to a close.

Dear Salem Zion, There were some people in the congregation who inquired about being able to do an automatic deposit for their giving to Salem

Zion. While this is not an option, an option that I came across is doing bill pay through your bank online. You can set up weekly, biweekly, semi-monthly, monthly, etc, to **send donations to Salem-Zion for your giving**. If you are someone who easily forgets or who wants to become a regular giver, please check with your bank for this online option or you can talk to me about it! Thanks so much.  
Lacey Friesen – Treasurer

Pictorial directories will be arriving soon! You can also access an **online member directory** at <https://mobiledirectory.lifetouch.com/191887/salem-zion-mennonite-church>. The access code is 12345.

When writing out **checks for the offering**, please make all checks out to **Salem-Zion** and use the **memo line** each week to designate the recipient, whether it's the household treasury or the recipient scheduled in the offering calendar for that morning. Thank you!

**Junior department teachers and anyone else interested:** Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, October 29** and **Thursday, November 21** for two webinars about the Mennonite children's curriculum, *Shine*. For more information or to register see [www.centralplainsmc.org/shine-webinar](http://www.centralplainsmc.org/shine-webinar) or contact Amanda Bleichty at (319) 325-4522.

A trip to take excess **Christian literature and Bibles** to International Christian Literature Distributors in Minneapolis is being planned for early November. Please bring materials to the women's cloak room by Sunday, October 27. For further questions, see Duane or Marlys Tieszen.

**Practicing God's Peace in the field:** "When you are harvesting your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands." - Deuteronomy 24:19

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## Community Connections

**Salem Mennonite Home** is celebrating 70 years of caring for the elderly in our community with our annual Fall Harvest Festival. Please come join us, Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:00pm, for an evening of fellowship, food, entertainment, raffles and a silent auction at the Freeman Community Center. Tickets, including raffles, can be purchased in our business office, at the door or online [salem-mennonite-home.com](http://salem-mennonite-home.com). We hope you can join us!

**Rural Revival** will meet on October 28 at 8:00 p.m. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome to attend. The education topic for this month is the

relationship between soil health and human health and how to improve the health of your garden soil.

The **Mennonite Disaster Service Region 3 Annual Meeting** will be held on Nov 8 & 9, 2019 at Faith Mennonite Church, Minneapolis, MN. An invitation with details and registration is available in the narthex and also at <https://mds.mennonite.net/region-3-annual-meeting-2019/>.

**Invitation** – The Northern Cheyenne Ministerial Association is planning a dedication celebration for their new Thrift Store building, Sunday afternoon, Nov 17 at 3 pm. It will be held at the new Everything Beautiful Thrift Store in Lame Deer, MT. Anyone is welcome. RSVP to Willis Busenitz - Email: [wmbusenitz@gmail.com](mailto:wmbusenitz@gmail.com); Phone: 406-592-3643; Mail: PO Box 50 Busby, MT 59016.

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