



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

October 24, 2021

Harvest of Peace

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *O Day of Peace* (VT #787) Lisa Kaufman
Welcome and Call to Worship (From Is. 2 and 52) Elizabeth Janssen
L: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news.
P: Who publish peace, who bring good tidings, who publish salvation, and proclaim, “Your God reigns!”
L: God will judge among many peoples, and they shall beat their swords into plowshares.
P: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation: neither shall they learn war any more.
ALL: Let us lift up our voices and praise the God of peace and justice.

Opening Prayer

* Hymn – *We Are People of God’s Peace* VT #797

Greeting Each Other and Lighting the Peace Lamp
“*The Peace of Christ Be With You. And also with you.*”

Celebrating our Mission with *Mennonite Mission Network*

Special Music FA Concert Choir
“The Storm is Passing Over” (arr. Barbara W. Baker)
“Bound for the Promised Land” (arr. Mack Wilberg)
Piano: Amber Bradley & Sherilyn Ortman

PROCLAIMING

Hearing the Scriptures II Corinthians 5:17-20, Matthew 5:43-48
Sermon – “Planting Seeds of Reconciliation” John Sharp

RESPONDING

Brass Sextet – “Thus the Word Was Made Flesh” (arr. Grotenhuis)
Donna Ries, Timothy Epp, Jada Koerner, Connor Epp,
Liam Ortman, Seth Balzer
Congregational Prayer
* Sending Song - “Jerusalem, My Happy Home” (setting by Kenneth T. Kosche)
Chamber Choir
Blessing
Postlude – “Battle of Jericho” (arr. Johnson) Brass Trio
Connor Epp, Liam Ortman, Seth Balzer

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

We are people of God’s peace, called to share, live and proclaim Christ’s peace to the world. Today, we are blessed to have John Sharp visiting us to speak about the Seeds of Reconciliation that God uses for peace in the world. We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for *Mennonite Mission Network*.

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

The Sunday Evening Fellowship activity (bonfire) scheduled for this evening will be postponed until next Sunday, Oct. 31. 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.

THIS WEEK

Oct. 28 (Thurs) – Outreach & Service Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY – October 31

Next Sunday the theme is “*Remembering Friends,*” and we will reflect on the lives that our church lost in the past year. There will be an opportunity for remembering loved ones lost in recent times. The scripture texts are Ps. 34, I Peter 2:4-7, Joshua 4:19-24, Mt. 5:1-11 and Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Offering next Sunday will be for **White River Cheyenne Mennonite Church** in Busby, Montana. While this congregation didn’t suffer losses from the fires this summer, they are in the process of replacing their coal heating/cooling system with geo-thermal for their church and parsonage. Pastor Willis Busenitz continues to provide steady and faithful leadership at the church.

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, Oct. 31 – *All Saints Day.* In this service, we will be remembering those who died last year.

Sunday, Nov. 14 – *Over 80’s Tea* in the fellowship hall at 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 21 – *Annual Business Meeting* (please submit reports to the church office by November 4)

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Pastor Corey traveled to Omaha on Friday and Saturday to take in a workshop entitled, "*Following Christ in a Partisan World.*" The event is sponsored by CPMC.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Delmar Ortman.
- Pastor Corey. As Pastor Appreciation month draws to a close, we give thanks for all the faithful shepherds in Central Plains Mennonite Conference! Our conference is blessed with the leadership of so many good pastors!

This morning's speaker, **John Sharp**, 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 his son, MJ. MJ Sharp was murdered on March 12, 2017 while promoting peacebuilding, and advocating for the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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.

Class schedule date change: The classes led by Tim Waltner focusing on the Anabaptist theology of non-violence, pacifism and alternative service to military participation have been rescheduled to Oct. 31 and Nov. 7. The dates have been moved because many of our Freeman Academy students will be singing at the South Church the morning of the 24th.

Reminder: There is still time to make a video for the Central Plains Mennonite Conference's Peace and Justice Task Force. That is to **film a video for Cross-Generation Peace Talks**. This is for middle school, high school or college undergraduates and guarantees \$100 for every entry. The idea is to interview someone with a peace story. Perhaps they did alternative or voluntary service, remember a church (or any serious) conflict and how it was resolved, witnessed or tendered a kindness to another, etc. There is more information on the bulletin board and I am willing to discuss topics or questions. Janelle Ortman, janelle.ortman@gmail.com, or 925.7437 or 659.1321. The deadline for entries is March 1, 2022.

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 by October 31. Christina and Paul are getting married November 6 at Salem-Zion Mennonite Church and will be at church on October 31.

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.

The **SDMDS** van will be going to the **Regional 3 annual meeting** in Hesston, KS on Friday, November 12. We will also be attending the Bel Canto Singers concert Saturday evening, returning to SD Sunday afternoon. There is room in the van for more MDS supporters to enjoy this interesting weekend. The camaraderie on the trip to & from Hesston is an extra bonus. Contact Duane Tieszen or Dennis Ries for more information. See "current news" and "events" on the mds.mennonite.net website for the meeting information and registration.

Community Connections

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: 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!**

Living God's Peace: "Peacemaking doesn't mean passivity. It is the act of interrupting injustice without mirroring injustice, the act of disarming evil without destroying the evildoer, the act of finding a third way that is neither fight nor flight but the careful, arduous pursuit of reconciliation and justice. It is about a revolution of love that is big enough to set both the oppressed and the oppressors free." - Shane Claiborne, Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals

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