



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

October 3, 2021
World Communion Sunday
One in Christ Jesus

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *Andantino from Eight Modal Pieces* (Jean Langlais) Ken Mannes
Welcome and Bringing Peace Tim Graber

Call to Worship

One: We gather today as the people of God, as a community of Christ's followers.

Many: We gather to share Word and sacrament, to discern the ways of faithful service.

One: Where in the world shall we serve our God?

Many: At home, school, and work – in this community and throughout every land.

One: How in the world shall we serve our God?

Many: By working toward justice where there is oppression, by offering comfort where there is pain, by sharing love where there is hatred.

One: Why in the world shall we serve our God?

Many: Because the Spirit beckons us and Jesus calls us to enact our faith.

ALL: Let us now worship the one who calls us one!

Opening Prayer

* Hymn – *For the Fruit of All Creation* VT #124

Celebrating our Mission with *Household Treasury*

PROCLAIMING

New Testament Story Acts 2:43-47 Susan Schrag

Song – *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* #474

Hearing the New Testament I Corinthians 12:12-31

Sermon – “One Body in Christ” Corey Miller

Affirmation Galatians 3:26-29

One: In Christ Jesus, you are all children of God through faith.

Many: As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

One: There is no longer Jew nor Greek, slave or free, male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Many: And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

RESPONDING

Song - *I Come with Joy* #478

Communion

Congregational Prayer

* Sending Song – *In Christ There Is No East or West* #390

Blessing

Postlude – *Ein feste burg* (arr. David Cherwien)

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

On this World Communion Sunday, we gather with millions of other Christians at Christ's communion table of grace. Today, we ponder with Paul the profundity of Christ's church that is both diverse and yet unified in Christ. Thank you for joining us in worship, for your presence adds to the tapestry of Christ's beautiful church!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for the **Household Treasury**.

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. 9 (Sat) – Irene Schrag Memorial Service at Salem-Zion at 3:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY – October 10

Next Sunday the theme is “*Seek the LORD and live!*” The scripture texts are Amos 5:6-7,10-15, Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 10:17-31 and Pastor Corey will be preaching. We will hear a testimony from Tim Schrag regarding Mennonite Disaster Service and its important ministry.

Offering next Sunday will be for **Mennonite Church USA**.

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, Oct. 24 – Harvest of Peace Festival with guest speaker John Sharp

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- After making some progress early in the week, Elmer Gross had a setback recently and is still receiving oxygen and is too weak to visit.
- A letter was received from Mennonite Central Committee, thanking Salem-Zion for sending Amy Kaufman to Cambodia from 2006 to 2009. This year marks the 40th anniversary of MCC sending volunteers to Cambodia. The letter is posted in the narthex.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Nita Engbrecht.
- Elmer and Judy Gross and their family as they walk through uncertain times regarding Elmer's health.

- a thankful spirit for the gentle rains that brought moisture to the ground this week. The rains have graciously provided a little break for the farmers in the middle of harvest season.
- the Constituency Leaders Council of Mennonite Church USA as they meet this week. May the Holy Spirit guide their work together.

Fall selection ballots were distributed last week, and one position was inadvertently omitted from the ballot. Please add "Mission Treasurer" to your ballot (need 1 for 3-year term). Extra ballots are available in the narthex with this correction. Please complete your ballot and place it in the box in the narthex by Monday, October 11. Thank you.

Irene (Preheim) Schrag (December 12, 1924 - January 25, 2021). Friends and family are invited to attend a **memorial service in celebration of Irene's life on Saturday, October 9, at 3 PM** (central daylight time), at Salem-Zion Mennonite Church in rural Freeman, SD. Visitation with family will be at the church, beginning one hour prior to the service and continuing after the service. The service may be viewed remotely, by clicking on "livestream links" at salemzion.com. Memorial gifts may be donated to MCC, Salem-Zion, or a charity of your choice. Following Irene's example of love and care for her community, her family requests that those in attendance wear face masks.

September Offerings & Gifts: Household Treasury - \$17,870.52; Ross Richers - \$100.00; The Banquet - \$155.00; Outreach & Service - \$2,005.00; Music Fund - \$50.00; Deacon Sharing Fund - \$1,000.00; Student Tuition Sharing Fund - \$2,677.00.

The **October newsletter** is available on the table in the narthex.

Community Connections

The **Freeman Academy** concert band (grades 7-12) and grades 4-12 choirs present their **Fall Concert**, Thursday, October 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pioneer Hall Gym. Freeman Academy music department instructors are Donna Ries, Instrumental and Amy Hofer Vetch, Vocal. The concert is open to the public. We ask audience members to enter and leave the gym wearing a mask. Audience members are welcome to remove their masks once seated.

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.

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.

God's Peace Stretches Far and Wide:

"Lord, you call us out of captivity into the freedom of your beloved community. As we pass through the wilderness spaces of our lives, grant us ears to hear you, eyes to see you, and hearts that ache for you, that we might not turn away from the brothers and sisters who help us remember who we are. Amen."

- Shane Claiborne, Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals

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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