



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

Prayers and Ponderings: Sabbatical Reflections
October 9, 2022

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*
(arr. Kirkpatrick) Mavis Ortman

Welcome Tim Eisenbeis

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship Psalm 121 VT #109

Opening Prayer

* Hymn – *Sing to the God of Harvest* VT #122

Greeting one another “Peace be with you.” “And also with you.”

Children’s Story Sheila Epp

Celebrating our Offerings – Mennonite Church USA

PROCLAIMING

Hearing the Old Testament Exodus 13:20-22

Hymn – *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* VT #606

* Hearing the Gospel Mark 1:35-39

Sermon – “Led by Cloud and Fire” Corey Miller

RESPONDING

Song – *This Is My Song* VT #710

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

* Sending Song – *Go Now in Peace* VT #835

* Blessing

Postlude

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

Everyone is on a unique journey, but no matter where we have been or where we are going, God is present with us and sustains us in that journey. Today, Pastor Corey will reflect on some learnings he experienced during his sabbatical. May God’s cloud by day and fire by night continue to lead to where Christ already is.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Mennonite Church USA**.

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

2:00 p.m. – Fuente de Vida church service

THIS WEEK

Oct. 10 (Mon) – Selection ballots are due

Oct. 11 (Tues) – Worship Committee meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 12 (Wed) – Youth Group at 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 12 (Wed) – Music Committee meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 13 (Thurs) – Pastor Corey will be attending a “Healthy Boundaries” course in Milford, Nebraska. All credentialed pastors in CPMC are required to have this training every 4 years.

Oct. 14 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY – Oct. 16

Next Sunday is our annual Fall Harvest Mission Festival. Wendell Gehman from the Oyate Concern Christian School at Pine Ridge will be our speaker. We have been invited to be guests for a potluck at noon at South Church. Following lunch, there will be a Q&A time with Wendell.

Next week the offering is for **Freeman Academy**.

COMING EVENTS

Oct. 19 – Youth Group at 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 6 – Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner

Nov. 14&15 – MCC Meat Canning

Nov. 20 – Annual Business Meeting (please submit reports to the church office by November 4)

Dec. 1 – Yearbook deadline

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- The gentle rains slowed harvest on Tuesday, but brought noticeable refreshment to the dry earth, thanks be to God!

- Table on the Move! Our Central Plains Mennonite Conference “Come to the

Table” table will travel around the Mennonite churches in Freeman this month and then will head out to visit all the other churches within our conference. Pray for the Spirit to bond our churches together and to our Lord.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Ardelle Schrag.
- our farmers as they continue their harvest. Pray for safety, patience, and a spirit of gratitude.
- those in our conference who are taking classes in seminary and/or exploring calls to ministry. We give thanks for the nudgings of the Spirit, and pray for fortitude and courage for those who are studying, praying, and discerning the ministries to which God has called them.

We are having a **card shower** for Brittany Oman, who is engaged to Jordan Dick. Please sign the card in the narthex by October 16th. There is a basket if you wish to contribute to the monetary gift.

Freeman Academy's annual fall church drive will begin Sunday, October 23rd. Students will share music and Head of School, Dr. Brad Anderson, will provide a school update. During this harvest season, we are grateful to the alumni and friends of Freeman Academy and ask you to consider making a gift to the school's general fund. Committee members will be available at a table on Oct. 23rd and Oct. 30th to receive your donations. If you are not in church those Sundays and would like to participate, self-addressed envelopes will be available on a table for your convenience or you can make your donation online at freemanacademy.org.

Serving each other in love! Please take a gander at the bulletin board to volunteer your own name for ways to serve each other here at Salem-Zion. The service opportunities vary from organizing Valentine boxes to serving in the kitchen. If you aren't on other committees it's an easy way to dip your toe in the water. Terms are only one year.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, November 6. You are invited to sign up as host or guest for the noon meal. Hosts may choose the number of guests they wish to entertain and provide the main dish. Guests will be assigned either a salad or a dessert for a given number of people. Both hosts and guests will receive their assignments one week in advance. Please sign up for this special time of fellowship. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Deadline for signing up is October 23.

- The Hospitality Committee

September Household Treasury Report – Income: \$5,241.00; Expenses: \$12,271.63; Balance: \$(6,051.59).

September Offerings & Gifts: Household Treasury - \$5,241.00; SLCC - \$50.00; MCC School Kits - \$160.00; CPMC - \$956.00; MEA - \$990.00; FA - \$115.00; MMN - \$115.00; MC USA - \$345.00; MCC - \$100.00.

The October church newsletter is available on the table in the narthex. Additionally, **Rachel Miller's MVS newsletter** was emailed with the bulletin this week and a printed copy is posted on the bulletin board.

Living our Mission: “As followers of Jesus Christ, our purpose is to live and share the good news of Christ’s kingdom, welcoming all as we worship, study, fellowship, and serve others together.”

Community Connections

Places, everyone! Mrs. Pidde and Mrs. Beseman will be leading the **Freeman Academy Kids Club** in an activity on acting, where students will learn about portraying emotions, costumes, props, and other theater principles through telling a classic children's story: *Ferdinand the Bull!* Kids will also expend energy while zipping around on scooters in the gym and enjoy a little friendly competition during relay races. The evening will end with a light snack before kids head home. RSVP to Elizabeth Anderson, eanderson@freemanacademy.org, and join us on **Monday, October 10, 5:45-7:15pm** at the Freeman Academy gym. All children, ages 4-10, are invited!

The **Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** will meet Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 11:30 AM in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome to attend.

The Freeman Regional Health Services Auxiliary is excited to bring **Soup Day** back to Freeman on Friday, October 14! Join us from 10:30am to 1:30pm for soup, sandwiches and pie and take home some delicious homemade goods from our bake sale as well! The proceeds from this year’s event will go towards a pedicure station to care for and pamper our residents and patients. If you would like to donate baked goods, please deliver them to the Senior Citizen Center between 8:30-10:30am the day of the event. Thank you!

Come sing with the **Swiss Choral Society** as we prepare Part I of *The Messiah!* Rehearsals start Sunday, October 16th at 7:00pm at Salem-Zion Mennonite (North) Church. Feel free to bring your own score and we will have extras if needed. Please invite anyone high-school aged and older to come sing! Contact swisschoral@gmail.com with questions.

Christ is our Peace – St. Francis of Assisi died the first week of October, back in 1226. Here's the prayer that is attributed to him:

“Lord, Make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon, Where there is discord, union, Where there is doubt, faith, Where there is error, truth, Where there is despair, hope, Where there is sadness, joy, Where there is darkness, light. O Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.”

Pastor Corey Miller

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