



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

November 10, 2019

Voices Together

“O sing to the LORD a new song!” - Psalm 96:1

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude	Sherilyn Ortman
Call to Worship – “I Go To Sing”	Reader’s Theater
Choral Call to Worship – <i>We Dream of a Turning</i> (vv. 2-3)	No. 10
Welcome and Opening Prayer (No. 34)	Jeremy Waltner

OFFERING OUR PRAISE

* Hymns – <i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	No. 1
<i>This Is God’s Wondrous World</i>	No. 8
Greetings and Announcements	
Rejoicing in a New Resource	Austin Unruh
Song – <i>When at Creation’s Dawn</i>	Children’s Choir
Children’s Story	Sheila Epp
Offering our gifts – Central Plains Mennonite Conference	
Offertory – <i>Could it be that God is singing</i>	Men’s Ensemble

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Old Testament	Psalm 33:1-8
Song – <i>I will sing with you</i>	Youth/Austin Unruh
Hearing the New Testament	Colossians 3:15-17
Reflections on Language – Singing our theology	Sherilyn Ortman
Song – <i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	No. 25
Meditation – Rehearsing God’s Song	Corey Miller

SENT FORTH WITH GOD’S SONG

Song – <i>Come Now, O Prince of Peace</i>	No. 19
Congregational Prayer	
* Sending Song – <i>We, Your People, Sing Your Praises</i>	No. 30
* Benediction	

* 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

“Voices Together” is a new resource that is coming to our denomination in 2020. It is so much more than a hymn book, as it is a worship resource that speaks to the new things that God is doing in MC USA and in Anabaptist churches around the world. Today, we invite you to learn more about this resource and enter into the songs that will be included in it. Together, we will “*make a joyful noise to the LORD!*” We are so glad that you are worshipping with us today.

Voices Together. If you want to learn more about Voices Together so you can be more informed, you can go to <http://voicestogetherhymnal.org/> and that will provide you with excellent information. As a church, we will have more conversations about this resource and its possible place within our congregation.

Greeters: LeRoy and Janette Epp; **Keyboardists:** Sheila Epp, Sherilyn Ortman, Austin Unruh

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School
 10:10 a.m. – Fellowship Time
 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

THIS AFTERNOON, the annual “*Over 80’s Tea*” will be happening at Salem Home from 3-5pm. We will have another tea in Marion on November 24th. If you are over 80, love tea and cookies, please join us for great fellowship. This is sponsored by the deacons.

“Celebrating Giving”

This morning’s offering recipient is Central Plains Mennonite Conference. CPMC helps to facilitate a larger church family that supports many ministries across the Upper Midwest. Thank you for supporting our conference with your gifts.

THIS WEEK

Nov. 11 (Mon)	7:00 p.m. – Administrative Board meeting
Nov. 13 (Wed)	7:00 p.m. – Chancel choir rehearsal
Nov. 13	7:00 p.m. – Children’s choir rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY – Nov. 17

Next Sunday we will continue our journey with Job. The focus is “*When we ask God, ‘Why?’*” and the texts are Job 29 and Matthew 27:45-46. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Greeters: Cordell and Clara Graber; **Offering:** Mennonite Church USA; **Organist:** Ruby Waltner

COMING EVENTS

Nov. 17 – Annual Business Meeting at 12:30pm, following the meal sponsored by deacons

Nov. 20 – Christmas Eve practice from 6:15-7:00 at North Church

Nov. 20 – Ladies choir practice at 8:00 p.m.

Nov. 24 – Over 80's Tea at Tieszen Home from 3:00-5:00pm

Nov. 28 – Thanksgiving Day worship service at 10:30am at Salem-Zion; Offering for MCC Meat Canner

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Nita Engbrecht.
- our state. With another person executed through the death penalty this last week in Sioux Falls, we wonder how “justice” is served in putting someone to death. Pray for all who have suffered, those who feel disturbed by the loss of life, and those who work with the law in South Dakota. Oh Lord, have mercy.

Remember to thank God for:

- the gift of music, songs that have sustained us in the past, and new songs that inspire us to follow Jesus.

The annual business meeting agenda and reports are available on the table in the narthex. Please pick up a copy today.

Having a full crew of canner guys, the **MCC Meat Canner** will be in our community this year to can meat on November 18 & 19 at the C&B John Deere dealership. We will need volunteers to staff the operation, so here is your opportunity to serve Christ by doing something fun with other folks. Please consider the early (6 am – 9 am) shift and the late (4 pm – 7 pm) because these are the times when we've been very short on help. **Please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.** We also need a host home for 2 of the canner guys and a vehicle for them to use while here. If you can supply either one, please call Joey Graber (605) 360-5775. Thanks for your contributions!

Chancel choir rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, November 13th, at 7:00 p.m. We've had many months of rest from weekly rehearsals, and it is time to resurrect our church choirs. We invite you to please come join us as we prepare for the upcoming Advent season. This is your opportunity to be an active participant in the music ministry of our congregation.

Junior department teachers and anyone else interested: Mark your calendars for Thursday, November 21 for a webinar that explores tips and

tools and best practices for teachers of the *Shine* curriculum! For more information or to RSVP see www.centralplainsmc.org/shine-webinar or contact Amanda Bleichy at (319) 325-4522.

Donated food for snacks and the Tuesday noon meal is needed for supporting the operators and volunteers while the MCC meat canner is visiting Freeman. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for unfulfilled needs.

Community Connections

As the holidays approach, the Et Cetera Shoppe once again would welcome your **donations of traditional pfeffernusse (peppernut) cookies** made from the recipe of your choice. Every year, the sale of peppernuts at the shop greatly boosts our end-of-year giving to the work of Mennonite Central Committee. Please consider making a batch and bringing them to the shop any time before Thanksgiving!

Wellspring Wholistic Care Center, Freeman, is sponsoring a **Grief Seminar** on Nov. 23 from 1-4 pm at the Prairie Arboretum Visitor's Center south of Freeman Academy. Speakers from the surrounding area will share their grief challenges. This year's panel will be discussing Grief in the Holidays. If you are unsure as to how you will get through the holidays because of grief, this seminar is for you. Featured speaker is Dr. Daniel Burrow.

Swan Lake Christian Camp will be hosting **Piano Night at the Lake** on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 6:00pm. A meal will be served while being entertained with music from area musicians. Reservations are required and a free will donation will be taken. Call 605-326-5690 or email campoffice@myslcc.com to make your reservation. A raffle is being held for a Christmas quilt. The winner will be drawn at Piano Night. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased by contacting Judi. You need not be present to win. Pictures of the quilt can be seen on the Swan Lake Christian Camp facebook page.

Living God's Peace: “Maybe we are a little crazy. After all, we believe in things we don't see. The Scriptures say that faith is "being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see" (Heb. 11:1). We believe poverty can end even though it is all around us. We believe in peace even though we hear only rumors of wars. And since we are people of expectation, we are so convinced that another world is coming that we start living as if it were already here.” - Shane Claiborne

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