



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

November 3, 2019

Trust

"I have no hope, but I will defend my ways to his face." - Job 13:16

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *Adagio from Symphony 6* Charles Widor

Welcome and Call to Worship (from Psalm 31) Polly Waltner

L: Love the LORD, all you his saints. The LORD preserves the faithful.

P: Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my soul and body grieves.

L: Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD.

P: I have passed out of mind; I have become like a broken vessel.

But I trust in you, O LORD! You are my God.

L: My times are in your hand.

ALL: Let your face shine upon your servant and save me in your steadfast love.

Opening Prayer

PRAISING GOD

* Hymn of Praise – *Sing praise to God who reigns* HWB #59

Greetings and Announcements

Children’s Story Meranda Van Ningen

Offering our gifts – Household Treasury

Offertory – *The Father’s house is mansioned fair* Willan

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

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Text Job 13

Special Music – *How Can I Keep From Singing?* arr. Alice Parker

Hearing the Text Job 14

Sermon – “Trust” Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Song – *When from the darkness* SJ #102

Remembering Salem-Zion brothers and sisters

Lord, listen to your children HWB #353

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

* Sending Song – *When we walk with the Lord* HWB #544

* Benediction

Postlude – *Allegro maestoso* Felix Mendelssohn

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

An Abiding Memorial

November 2018 - October 2019

Marian Brundage January 28, 1928 - December 19, 2018

Arlan Ortman August 9, 1934 - January 26, 2019

Willard Becker April 10, 1920 - February 14, 2019

Verda Schrag January 4, 1922 - March 10, 2019

Jane Gagliardi November 18, 1932 - May 17, 2019

LeRoy Kaufman March 13, 1944 - June 2, 2019

Donna Brosz July 26, 1956 - July 31, 2019

Michael Waltner April 20, 1958 - July 31, 2019

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

Trusting God can be more difficult in the midst of hardships. As Job suffered tragic losses in his life, his faith struggled to find footing and he asked God the hard questions. Whatever questions you might have today, we are so glad that you have decided to come and worship God with us.

Greeters: Nathan and Sheila Epp family; **Organist:** Ken Mannes; **Special**

Music: Ladies Choir

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

10:10 a.m. – Fellowship Time

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

Noon – Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner

THIS WEEK

Nov. 5 (Tues) 6:30 p.m. – Worship Committee meeting

Nov. 5 Deadline for annual business meeting reports

NEXT SUNDAY – Nov. 10

Next Sunday we will have a special worship service called “*Voices Together*.” The service will explore the new resource that our denomination is putting out for congregational worship experiences. The texts are Psalm 33:1-8 and Colossians 3:15-17. We will sing and learn and Pastor Corey will preach.

Offering: Central Plains Mennonite Conference; **Keyboardists:** Sheila Epp, Sherilyn Ortman, Austin Unruh

COMING EVENTS

Nov. 10 – Over 80’s Tea at Salem Home from 3:00-5:00pm

Nov. 13 – Chancel choir rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

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

Nov. 18 & 19 – MCC Meat Canner at C&B Operations

Nov. 24 – Over 80’s Tea at Tieszen Home from 3:00-5:00pm
Nov. 28 – Thanksgiving Day worship service at 10:30am. Offering for
MCC Meat Canner

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Janette Epp had abdominal repair surgery on Wednesday. She was able to return home on Thursday and is doing well.
- The 2019 pictorial directories are done and have come in! You will be able to pick up your directory with your name on the table in the foyer. Special thanks to Lacey Friesen, Nancy Miller and Malynda Penner for heading up this directory. May each of us use this directory to pray for each other.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Kris Waltner.
- Ty Balvin as he continues his recovery. This week Ty was moved out of ICU and onto the pediatric floor. He is still waiting for an angiogram and will likely be transferred again for rehab. All prayers for Ty and his family are appreciated.
- Those who are struggling with their faith, and those who are having a hard time trusting God because of difficult circumstances. We pray that God’s loving presence will hold each person in gracious care.

Remember to thank God for:

- the gifts of our loved ones, who no longer live on this earth, but still inspire us to faithful living.
- all the gifts, talents and offerings that were generously given to the ministry and mission at Salem-Zion. We celebrate that we were able to make our budget and today we begin a new fiscal year ready to continue God’s work.

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!

Those who signed up as GUESTS for **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner** are asked to stop in the Fellowship Hall after the service today to receive the name of your hosts.

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.

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.

CARING GROUPS: For those who have expressed interest in Caring Groups, you will be receiving letters with further instructions as how to proceed. We look forward to this time of growing and learning together. At any time, if there are others who are interested in Caring Groups, please talk to Pastor Corey or the deacons.

October Mission Offerings: Freeman Academy - \$2,040.00; Mennonite Church USA - \$2,405.00; Mennonite Mission Network - \$2,858.00.

The **Executive Conference Minister Search Committee** is inviting individuals, small groups and congregations to submit responses to a survey online at z.umn.edu/ECMsearchquestions or by responding via email to slnolt7@gmail.com using the questions in the survey. The committee appreciates our ongoing prayer and support in discernment for this position, and welcomes our encouragement of applicants.

Community Connections

The **Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** will be meeting at 12 p.m. Wednesday, November 6, in the Freeman Public Library meeting room. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Schmeckfest Mailing Party: Friday, Nov. 8, 2019 at 9am at Dewald Village. We would love to have your help, lunch is provided. If you’d like more details, please call me at 605-925-4237. Thank you. ~Meranda

Practicing God’s Peace: “God is the light shining in the midst of darkness, not to deny that there is darkness in the world but to reassure us that we do not have to be afraid of the darkness because darkness will always yield to light. As theologian David Griffin puts it, God is all-powerful, His power enables people to deal with events beyond their control and He gives us the strength to do those things because He is with us.” - Harold S. Kushner

