



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

**November 8, 2020**  
“*Shaped by the Potter*”

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude Sheila Epp

Welcome and Call to Worship (from Genesis 2) Steve Graber  
 L: When God created the earth, and all therein it,  
**P: God formed and shaped a person from the dust of the ground.**  
 L: God breathed into its nostrils the breath of life.  
**P: And the person became a living being, formed and shaped by God!**  
*ALL: As beloved children of God, formed and shaped by God, we joyfully  
 worship our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.*

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn – *God of the earth, the sky, the sea* (HWB #53)  
 Chorister: LeRoy Epp

Celebrating God’s Mission – Central Plains Mennonite Conference

Children’s Story Corey & Hannah Miller

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

\* Hearing the Gospel Mark 7:31-37

Music – *O healing river* (HWB #372) Sheila Epp

Hearing the Old Testament Jeremiah 18:1-11

Sermon – “In the Potter’s Hands” Corey Miller

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL

Song – *Have thine own way* (HWB #504)

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Sending Song – *The peace of the earth be with you* (SJ #77)

Benediction

Postlude

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

With Jeremiah, we enter the Potter’s House to learn more about how God shapes and molds us. In this season of unrest and uncertainty, we come to worship today to feel the touch of Jesus upon our souls. May we be pliable clay in the Potter’s Hands today. We are so glad you are here to worship!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Central Plains Mennonite Conference**. Not only does our conference help resource our pastor, it helps churches with the search committee process, offers to help to mediate conflicts, encourages faith formation, and supports global mission to Ecuador. Our dynamic leaders in CPMC are currently focusing on “*imagining*” what Christ’s church can be now in this unique time and season.

**TODAY** – Catechism and *Christ in Crisis* study at 9:30 a.m.

### THIS WEEK

**Nov. 9 (Mon)** – Administrative Board meeting at 7:00 p.m.

### NEXT SUNDAY – November 15

Next Sunday we will return to our focus of “**Road Signs & Guideposts**” through the prophet Jeremiah. The theme of the morning will be “*Journey to God’s Reign*” and the text will be Jeremiah 31:1-9, 16-17, 21. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

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

### COMING EVENTS

**Nov. 22 – Annual Congregational Business Meeting** at 4:00 in the sanctuary

**Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving Worship Service at South Church.** You will be able to worship in person with social distancing as well as tune into the service through ZOOM. More details to come.

**Dec. 1** – Yearbook deadline

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### Happenings over the past week:

- Last Sunday evening, a memorial service was given for Kevin Bontrager, Beth’s son, in Oregon. Beth has spent the week in Oregon tending to the many details and she returned back to SD on Thursday.
- The funeral service for Elsie Schmidt happened last Tuesday at Salem-Zion.
- Stewart, Cole and Krista Graber moved to Sioux Falls this week to their new home.

- Raymond Zurawski died from a heart attack on Tuesday in Wisconsin. His wife, Susan, is LaVerne and LaNae Waltner's daughter and is a member of our congregation.

**Remember to pray for:**

- those who cannot be here today: Nita Engbrecht.
- Beth Bontrager as she continues to grieve the loss of her son Kevin.
- Mark Miller, and others who have tested positive for Covid-19. Pray for healing, strength and patience.

**Remember to thank God for:**

- a warm week that brought us sunshine's delight and moonlight's beauty.
- minimal intentional violence with regard to the 2020 election.
- Salem-Zion finished our fiscal year in the black! We met our giving goals for the 2020 year and that is something to celebrate, considering all that has happened! "God loves a cheerful giver!" – II Cor. 9:7

**THANK YOU!!!** Last Sunday, Nancy and I were so surprised and incredibly blessed when so many cars came into our yard, honking, waving signs, and dropping off goodies for us. It was an incredibly moving sight for me and your acts of kindness, along with your words of affirmation, really touched our souls. We felt so much love and we thank you so much! I promise to share a little of the candy 😊 - Pastor Corey

The Junior Sunday School Department has launched "**Faith from the HEART on Wednesdays**". There will be no in person Sunday school and no Zoom classes on Sunday mornings through the month of November.

Preschoolers - 3rd graders will meet 6:45-7:15

4th graders - 8th graders will meet from 7:15-7:45

Here is a list of what we have for November:

\*November 11 - Malynda will lead a lesson with the Shine Curriculum

\*November 25 - Sheila will be sharing an activity and a Thanksgiving Story

We do want to encourage families to use the following facebook link to share lessons from the Shine Curriculum which we use for Sunday School classes at church. We will put the leaflets and classroom books in your family's mailbox at church so you can use them as well with your children.

<https://www.facebook.com/shinecurriculum/>

**October Mission Fund Offerings & Gifts:** Mennonite Church USA - \$830.00; CPMC - \$360.00; FA - \$1,070.00; MCC - \$870.00; MDS - \$500.00; CPT - \$120.00; MMN - \$415.00; SD MCC Relief Sale - \$20.00.

**Church office:** Lisa will be in the church office on Thursday mornings and by appointment as requested. Feel free to reach her by cell phone or e-mail throughout the rest of the week.

**Community Connections**

Peggy Waltner has set up a "Take Them a Meal" website for **Don and Sonja Waltner**; if people want to sign up for a meal, go to [www.TakeThemAMeal.com/LOUP6714](http://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/LOUP6714). Any questions, contact Peggy Waltner 925-7647. Thank you.

**Freeman Academy Virtual Event:** Parents are invited to view a virtual open house about Freeman Academy on Nov. 12 & 19 at 7:00pm. Watch from the safety of home. On Thursday, Nov 12, Head of School Nathan Epp, and elementary teachers share about kindergarten through sixth grade classrooms. On Thursday, Nov. 19, hear about high school opportunities from students and teachers including host Brad Anderson, Bible and Social Studies teacher. Register at [FreemanAcademy.org](http://FreemanAcademy.org) and receive a link to join the 30 min video and Q&A event. Contact Enrollment Director Lynnelle Allison at 605-925-4237 for more information.

**Praying for God's Peace:**

*"God, give me grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, Courage to change the things which should be changed, and the Wisdom to distinguish the one from the other. Living one day at a time, Enjoying one moment at a time, Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace, Taking, as Jesus did, This sinful world as it is, Not as I would have it, Trusting that You will make all things right."* - Serenity Prayer

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