



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

February 2, 2020

Jesus confronts

“...Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” - John 2:16

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *Thou true vine that heals the nations* (HWB 373) Fred Binckes

Choral Call to Worship – *Love the Lord your God* SS #55

Welcome and Call to Worship Malynda Penner

L: What does the Lord require of you?

**P: To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.**

L: What does God command of us?

**P: To love God with all our heart, and all our soul, and all our mind, and all our strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

L: God does not call us to ease or to comfort.

**P: But to presence, and abundance, and grace in our struggle.**

L: Let us worship the God who believes in us, and trusts in us, and abides with us.

**P: Let us worship the God who will ask much of us, but will be beside us every step of the way.**

Opening Prayer

## PRAISING GOD

\* Hymn of Praise – *Immortal, invisible, God only wise* HWB #70

Greetings and Announcements

Children’s Story Diane Ellinger

Offering our gifts – Household Treasury

Offertory – *All praise to Jesus’ hallowed name* J.S. Bach

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

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Gospel Story John 2:13-21 Reader’s Theater

Special Music – *Love Grows Here* Besig

Hearing the Gospels Matthew 5:17-18 and Luke 18:9-14

Sermon – “Confronting the Powers” Corey Miller

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Song – *How can we be silent* SJ #61

Congregational Sharing and Prayer Dave Janssen

\* Sending Song – *God, who touches earth* HWB #511

\* Benediction

Postlude – *Improvised*

\* 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

As Jesus continued his earthly ministry, he pushed back on the pervading thoughts of the time. He confronted false teachings by the religious authorities and he resisted being the kind of Messiah they said he should be. We marvel at how Jesus resisted and confronted, especially how he did so without violence. Welcome to our worship today! We are so glad that you are here.

**Greeters:** LeRoy and Janette Epp; **Organist:** Ken Mannes; **Special Music:** Children’s Choir

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

10:10 a.m. – Fellowship Time

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

### THIS WEEK

Feb. 3 (Mon) 7:30 p.m. – Worship Committee meeting

Feb. 5 (Wed) 7:00 p.m. – Assemble Valentine boxes

Feb. 5 (Wed) 7:30 p.m. – Men’s choir rehearsal

Feb. 6 (Thurs) 7:30 p.m. – Deacons meeting

### NEXT SUNDAY – Feb. 9

Next Sunday we continue our series “*Seeing Jesus in 2020*” and the focus is “*Jesus Envisioned.*” The scriptures are Lk. 13:18-21, Mt. 5:13-16, John 17, Lk. 4:16-21 and Pastor Corey will be preaching.

**Greeters:** Ellen Ortman, Betty Albrecht; **Organist:** Ruby Waltner; **Offering:** Central Plains Mennonite Conference; **Special Music:** Men’s Choir

**Next Sunday, February 9** – A movie called “*The Radicals*” will be shown at **6:30pm** at Salem-Zion. The movie is about Anabaptist leaders Michael and Margareta Sattler. The movie does contain some graphic depictions of historical persecution but is suitable for middle school children and up. An age appropriate movie will be shown to our younger children in the nursery. Sunday Evening Fellowship will provide light snacks.

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### Happenings over the past week:

- Allen Schmidt’s brother, Orville, died last Tuesday in Wakarusa, Indiana. The funeral will be Saturday, February 8 at 1:30 at Walter’s Funeral Home and burial will be in Schartner Cemetery.

- Joe Danny Hofer fell last week on his farm and has been recovering at home. Thankfully, Joe Danny didn't break any bones but did experience some bruising. He appreciates our prayers and has also been praying for us at Salem-Zion.

**Remember to pray for:**

- those who cannot be here today: Elsie Schmidt.
- comforting love to surround Allen and his family in the loss of his brother.
- healing for Joe Danny as he recovers.
- our sister churches in North and Central Iowa, Cedar Falls, Des Moines, Christ Community, and Manson.

**Remember to thank God for:**

- the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mennonite Central Committee. We give thanks for all the ways that MCC has brought healing and hope to the world in the name of Christ and we look forward to celebrating this centennial year with generosity, creativity and service.
- the service of Firman Gingerich and Marcia Yoder Schrock in the way they led our conference these last 6 months.

**There are Schmeckfest sign-up sheets** for FOOD and KITCHEN WORKERS in the narthex. Contact Polly Waltner or Sheila Epp with any questions you might have regarding these assignments.

**Valentine boxes for our college-aged students** will be assembled on Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 7:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those who are willing to bring treats to put in the boxes. If you have questions, contact Beth Epp or Sheila Epp.

**Minutes** from the December deacon meeting are available in the narthex.

Hesston College's **Bel Canto Singers**, under the direction of Dr. Russell Adrian, will present a concert at Salem Mennonite Church on Saturday, February 15 at 7 p.m. The Freeman Academy Concert Choir will join the Hesston choir on some selections. The concert is free and open to the public. Bel Canto will also perform here at Salem-Zion during our morning worship service on Sunday, February 16, at 10:30 a.m.

On January 31, 2020 Marcia Yoder Schrock and Firman Gingerich concluded their time of serving as Interim Executive Ministry staff for Central Plains Mennonite Conference. As Central Plains makes our journey to future full-time executive ministry leadership, be assured that we are prepared to meet leaders and congregational needs. **Contact information** follows for those looking for Conference resources or seeking direction: Shawn Nolt, *Moderator* [snolt7@gmail.com](mailto:snolt7@gmail.com) (402) 364-3493; John

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The Christian Formation Committee of Central Plains Mennonite Conference invites all elementary-aged children to join us for a **virtual read-aloud** on February 12 at 6:30pm. Details on our website: [www.centralplainsmc.org/shalom-read-aloud.html](http://www.centralplainsmc.org/shalom-read-aloud.html)

Central Plains Conference Outreach & Service Committee is presenting a **three-part webinar series on racism** hosted by Drick Boyd in February. We at SZ are invited to join in on those webinars individually, but they will also be available on the website and we are planning on viewing this three week series on April 15, 22, and 29 at Salem-Zion.

**January Offerings and Gifts:** Bearcat Avenue - \$500.00; Deacon Sharing Fund - \$400.00; Service and Mission Fund - \$3,054.00; Household Treasury - \$20,997.00; Mennonite Church USA - \$380.00; Central Plains Mennonite Conference - \$1,914.00; MCC Meat Canning - \$2,001.00; Mennonite Disaster Service - \$250.00; Mennonite Central Committee - \$250.00; The Banquet - \$250.00; Bethany Food Pantry - \$250.00; Gideons - \$250.00.

**Membership Guidelines for Mennonite Church USA:** Last week, churches in Central Plains Conference received a letter from interim Conference Minister Marcia Yoder Schrock regarding the Membership Guidelines Advisory Group that was appointed at KC last summer. Her letter is on the bulletin board.

### Community Connections

We will be **making cottage cheese pockets** for Schmeckfest in the Pioneer Hall kitchen on the Freeman Academy campus, starting at 9 a.m. on Feb. 4th, 11th & 18th. Snow date Feb. 25th. Come for a good time of fellowship.

A **Valentine's Banquet** will be held at Swan Lake Christian Camp on Sunday, Feb. 16 at 6:00 pm. Reserve your seat by calling 605-326-5690 or emailing [campoffice@myslcc.com](mailto:campoffice@myslcc.com). A free will offering will be taken.

**God's Peace lived in us:** When I look at history, history is filled with people who refused to accept the world as it is and insisted on moving the world towards what it should be ... and they were troublemakers, they were holy mischief-makers, they went to jail, they were very unpopular. - Shane Claiborne

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