



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

February 7, 2021

Renewing our Strength

“God gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.” - Isaiah 40:29

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

- Prelude Mory Ortman
- Welcome and Call to Worship (from Psalm 147) Elizabeth Janssen
- L: Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God, for God is gracious to us!
- P: The Lord gathers the outcasts of Israel, heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.**
- L: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; God’s understanding is beyond measure.
- P: The Lord lifts up the downtrodden and casts the wicked to the ground.**
- L: The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, those who hope in his steadfast love.
- ALL: Praise the LORD!**
- Opening Prayer
- * Opening Hymn – *Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah* (HWB #50)
Choristers: Judy Graber, Lacey Friesen
- Celebrating God’s Mission – Household Treasury

HEARING GOD’S WORD

- Children’s Story Susan Schrag
- Hearing the Old Testament Isaiah 40:21-31
- Song – *They that wait upon the Lord* (HWB #584)
- * Hearing the Gospel Mark 1:29-39
- Sermon – “For the tired and the falling” Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL

- Song – *Nothing is lost on the breath of God* (SS #121)
- Testimony
- Congregational Prayer
- * Sending Song – *Guide my feet* (HWB #546)
- Benediction
- Postlude

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

As we near the end of Ordinary Time in the church year, we find ourselves in the midst of cold winter days. We may feel tired, discouraged and even faint. No matter what you are feeling or experiencing, you are not alone. God promises to surround us with grace and restorative hope. Welcome tired friends, we are so glad you have joined our worship today.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for the *Household Treasury*.

THIS WEEK

- Feb. 10 (Wed) - Zoom Bible Study from Mark at 10 a.m.
- Faith from the Heart on Wednesdays (Jr. Sunday school department; Zoom) led by Pastor Corey at 6:45 p.m.
- Feb. 12 (Fri) - Visitation for Kristy Waltner at Salem-Zion from 5-7 p.m.
- Feb. 13 (Sat) - Celebration of Life Service for Kristy Waltner at 10:00 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY – February 14

Next Sunday the focus of the morning is “*Transfiguration Sunday*.” The Biblical texts are II Kings 2:1-12, Ps. 50:1-6, II Cor. 4:3-6 and Mark 9:2-9. Lois Janzen Preheim will be preaching.

Offering next Sunday will be for *Central Plains Mennonite Conference*.

COMING EVENTS

- Wednesday, Feb. 17 – Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 25 – Outreach & Service Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Wed. nights in Feb. – Faith from the Heart on Wednesdays (Jr. SS Dept.)
- Feb-Mar Wed. mornings – Zoom Bible study from Mark at 10:00 a.m.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Last Sunday afternoon, Kristy Waltner passed away at Oakview Terrace, with her family present. A family visitation will be held next Friday and a memorial service will be on Saturday, February 13th at 10:00am.
- Dorothy Preheim was dismissed from the hospital and moved to the memory care unit at Oakview Terrace.
- Mary Graber (Warren Graber’s mother), passed away at Bethesda Home on Thursday morning, Jan. 28th. A memorial service will be held on Feb. 13th.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Cody Schrag.
- Bill Waltner and his children and their families in the death of his wife and their mother Kris.

- Warren Graber in the death of his mother Mary Graber.
- Dorothy as she adjusts to another new living environment. May Dorothy feel God's love surround her in this season of her life.
- the good and peace-filled work of the Agape Peace Center and the Minnesota Peacebuilding Leadership Institute, both in Minnesota.

The **youth group** will be meeting again on Zoom on Wednesday, February 10th at 8:00 pm. The sponsors will send out a link through email a few days before.

There will be a visitation for Kris Waltner on Feb. 12 at Salem-Zion from 5:00-7:00 p.m. In lieu of the traditional sharing time, the family asks that you **share your memories, stories, and thoughts via a video clip**. Email your video clip to Nathan Schrag: schrag41@gmail.com. Nathan will compile the videos and present the compilation to the family. This compilation will be viewed by immediate family only. Please submit your videos to Nathan by Wednesday, February 10. The memorial service for Kris will be on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. and will be live streamed. Click on the following link: https://youtu.be/Jej_EHIBiLs

Special Organ Recital: On Valentine's Day, February 14th, Dan Graber will be offering an organ recital at Salem-Zion Mennonite at 7:00pm. You are welcome to attend the service in person (masks required and social distancing) and it will also be live-streamed. We are grateful for Dan's willingness to share his gifts in this special concert.

Looking for Testimonials: A few testimonies have trickled in and I'm so thankful for them. I would like to hear from many more of you. How has your faith grounded you, sustained you, even upended you in this season of Covid? What does the church mean to you and how has that connection become clearer in this season. I think this is important spiritual formation work that we need to do together and so I look forward to hearing from you.

January Offerings and Gifts: Household Treasury - \$10,608.07; Student Tuition Sharing Fund - \$200.00; Deacon Sharing Fund - \$355.00; The Banquet - \$1,205.00; Ross Richer Family (MMN partnership) - \$200.00; Outreach & Service - \$4,135.89 (\$3,385.89 from Endowment distribution); Mennonite Disaster Service - \$300.00; Mennonite Central Committee - \$900.00; Freeman Academy - \$1,588.00; Central Plains Mennonite Conference - \$1,185.00; Mennonite Church USA - \$1,046.00; MCC Meat Canning - \$1,495.00.

MC USA's annual Lent at Home guide is now available for download at: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/resource-portal/resource/lent-at-home/>.

January Household Treasury Report – Income: \$10,608.70; Expenses: \$14,417.08; Balance: \$15,327.92.

The **February newsletter** was sent as an attachment with this week's e-mailed bulletin. Hard copies are available in the narthex, as well.

Community Connections

The Freeman Network for Justice and Peace is meeting on Thursday, February 11 at 7:30 P.M. via Zoom. Please call 605-505-0638 to receive login information.

Can your kid help us out at **Et Cetera Shoppe**?? We are VERY low on children's clothing in sizes 5-18. Now through February 25, we're challenging all the kids out there to DONATE 8 – to bring us just 8 pieces of really nice clothing (other than T-shirts and shorts, please) that they no longer wear. When they do, we'll put their name in a drawing for 3 large bars of chocolate of their choice (and they can decide whether to share or not!) Please consider helping us with this urgent need. We are open to receive your donations on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-3.

Our Vision as Anabaptist Mennonite Believers in Christ:

“God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace, so that God's healing and hope may flow through us to the world.”

- Vision Statement of Mennonite Church USA

Peace in Creation

“By reading the scriptures, I am so renewed that all nature seems renewed around me and with me. The sky seems to be a pure, a cooler blue, the trees a deeper green. The whole world is charged with the glory of God and I feel fire and music under my feet.” - Thomas Merton

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