



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

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### GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude Sherilyn Ortman  
Welcome Tim Graber

Preparing for Peace *And I Will Raise You Up*

Call to Worship

L: Together we seek the way of God.

**P: As disappointment oppresses and violence threatens,**

L: we come to ask, Whom shall we fear?

**P: We come to be reminded of God's power  
and to be led more deeply into God's love.**

L: We long to gather under the wings of Christ, as a mother hen,

**ALL: and to learn the holy way of compassion.**

Opening Prayer

\* Hymn – *God of Our Strength* VT #47

Children's Story Leo and Penny

### PROCLAIMING

Hearing the Old Testament Scriptures Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

Song – *The God of Sarah Praise* #190

\* Hearing the Scriptures Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35

Sermon – “Gathered Together” Corey Miller

### RESPONDING

Song – *We Dream of a Turning* #209

Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Prayer and Dedication of Offering

\* Sending Song – *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* #160  
(Tim Waltner, guitar; Collin Waltner, banjo; Patrick Hofer, vocal)

Blessing

Postlude

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

Lent invites us to pray, listen, and wonder about God's movement. As we seek God's way, we move from a place where fear dictates our actions to a space where our response to others is guided by compassion. Welcome to worship! We are so glad you are here with us.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Central Plains Mennonite Conference**.

9:00 a.m. – Zoom Adult Sunday School  
9:30-10:15 a.m. – Jr. Dept. Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for adults  
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

### THIS WEEK

**Mar. 14 (Mon)** – Administrative Board meeting at 7:00pm

**Mar. 16 (Wed)** – Worship Committee Meeting at 7:00pm

### NEXT SUNDAY – March 20

Next Sunday we continue our Lenten series “Seeking God’s Ways.” The theme is “*From Exceptionalism to Inclusion*.” The scriptures are Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32, Luke 15:11-32 and II Corinthians 5:16-21. Our mission partners **Jerrell and Jane Ross Richer** will be sharing and preaching.

Following our worship, we are invited to a Potluck meal in the Fellowship Hall and the Ross Richers will share in a time of Question and Answer. Our friends from Salem Mennonite will join us for lunch.

Next week the offering is for **Mennonite Church USA**.

### COMING EVENTS

**Sunday, March 27** – Noon meal and conversation about the KC resolutions

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## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

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### **Remember to pray for:**

- those who cannot be here today: Ardelle Schrag.
- the refugees who have fled Ukraine as they enter new countries, new cities, and new homes.
- the displaced Ukrainians who remain in a war-torn country.
- the church in Ukraine and in Russia as they deal with the trauma of this war.
- congregations that are undergoing discernment processes. Pray that we can all be open to the Spirit's guidance and willing to follow.

We will be **hosting a potluck** on Sunday, March 20 when the Ross Richers family will be sharing in the worship services at North and South Churches. We are inviting South Church to be our guests. Please bring a dish enough for two families. Thank You.

**Time/Talents Sheets:** It's been three years since we last sent out the Time/Talents brochure and the new ones are now in your mailboxes at church (extra copies are available in the narthex). You are invited to take these home and prayerfully ponder the ministries that you feel drawn to. We hope that this exercise will empower each person at Salem-Zion to be involved with and engaged in the ministries that we feel called to offer as we live out our mission statement. Notice that we hope that all our children will also take some time to share where they want to plug into. There will be a box in the foyer next week for completed brochures to go into and we will dedicate all these on April 3. May God be glorified in the sharing of our lives for the sake of God's Reign in Jesus' name!

**Learning about Resolutions to be voted on in Kansas City in May:** On March 27, all are invited to stay for lunch (the deacons will be serving) in the fellowship hall and learn about the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly of Mennonite Church USA in Kansas City from May 27-30, 2022. At this point, we have two strong delegate possibilities and are looking for a third person. Sharon Waltner will be present with us on March 27<sup>th</sup> to talk more about these resolutions.

Congratulations to Ashlyn Benjamin on the arrival of Zeppelin Rhae! As a church, let's show our love and support by supplying some **meals** for them. To arrange a time to take a meal, contact Ashlyn at 925-7505. If she can't answer the phone right away, leave a message and try again later.

**Response to Ukraine:** Many of us have been wondering how we can help the crisis in Ukraine. Sending money to Mennonite Central Committee is a tangible and faithful way to respond to this humanitarian need. Please note the email that was sent to you on Thursday that articulates how MCC is responding to the situation in Ukraine. For ongoing information, go to <https://mcc.org>. As we give and pray, may God's peace bring healing.

Thinking about **Sunday school at home**? A “zoom” class is offered every week from 9:00 – 9:50 a.m. on a zoom channel listed near the end of this bulletin. Just click on the (blue) link and follow the directions to get on the zoom class. This quarter's Bible study in the “*Salt and Light*” study guide centers on stewardship and discipleship. Guides are available in the church narthex. Join us, even if you haven't read the lesson. Contact me if you need help with “zoom”. [kaufmanmj@unitelsd.com](mailto:kaufmanmj@unitelsd.com) - Marlan Kaufman, S.S. Supt.

**February Mission Fund Offerings & Gifts:** Central Plains Mennonite Conference - \$1,120.00; MC USA - \$55.00; MCC Meat Canning - \$200.00; Bethany Food Pantry - \$5.00; Salem Mennonite Home - \$50.00.

A thank-you card from **Freeman Academy** is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**Prayer for Peace:**

Loving God, your Son Jesus Christ, wept over Jerusalem. Today, we weep over Ukraine. We pray for the people of the Ukraine and the people of Russia; for their countries and their leaders. We pray for all those who are afraid; that your everlasting arms hold them in this time of great fear. May we, through our words, prayers and example pursue the things that make for a just peace in the world today and especially in Ukraine.

Praying our Mission: “As followers of Jesus Christ, our purpose is to live and share the good news of Christ’s kingdom, welcoming all as we worship, study, fellowship, and serve others together.”

**Community Connections**

**MDS Opportunity:** You are invited to what is hoped to be the final work week at the Pine Ridge Volunteer Center during the week of March 21-24. Finishing tasks and clean-up of all kinds are anticipated. Call Dennis Ries at 605-925-7788 or 605-759-4312 if interested and willing to help during any part of those dates.

**Donations sought for Country Kitchen market:** The FA Auxiliary is planning a Schmeck Stop, including a walk-in Country Kitchen market in conjunction with traditional Schmeckfest sausage sales. Homemade sausage, ethnic foods and other baked goods will be sold March 26 and April 2 from 2 to 7 p.m. on the Freeman Academy campus. Donations of baked items of any kind would be appreciated. Popular foods include: cheese and fruit pockets, kuchen, poppyseed and pumpkin rolls, jam, summer savory, pies and sweet rolls. Contact Amy Waltner, 605-648-3772, or Kathy Kleinsasser, 605-925-7952, for more information and ways to help out with the Country Kitchen fundraiser.

You have a lot of options when it comes to finding new life for clothing and furniture you no longer use – Facebook Marketplace, eBay, or just putting things out on a curb! **We're so grateful when you choose to donate to Et**

**Cetera Shoppe**, where your donations help support MCC's work here in our community, in Ukraine, and around the world. When you donate furniture pieces or clothing items to our shop, your donations are tax deductible – and it's a LOT less work than a rummage sale! Help us to continue to provide affordable items for people in our community. Our furniture area is currently almost empty, so bring us your donations on Monday-Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and let us turn them into help for those in need!

**SD MCC Relief Sale:** In spite of Covid, we did great in 2021 – let's do it again in 2022! The 2021 SD MCC Relief Sale netted \$38,862.10 the day of the event. It was interesting to note that My Coins Count contributed over \$11,600, which is more than 1/3 of the net, so keep saving those coins and find people to match what is raised by your children, grandchildren or your church. Additional donations and the Larry Waltner concert brought the total raised by the relief sale effort to \$52,763.32. Minnesota Mennonite Churches also contributed to Minn-Kota so together we were able to send \$68,464.92 to Mennonite Central Committee. **THANK YOU** for making this happen!

**The Voices of Conscience exhibit** at Heritage Hall Museum & Archives is open to museum visitors through Sunday, April 24. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex for admission information and special programs that will be offered.

**Zoom Adult Sunday School**

<https://zoom.us/j/97667382194?pwd=NHNieHZ6a29ZMGpZSHJpczlibUxtdz09>; Meeting ID: 976 6738 2194; Passcode: 523139

**Livestream link for Sunday morning worship**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX8KyFlZChK0Ef-r1BAaS3A>

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