

# CALLED TO LIFE

March 26, 2023

SALEM-ZION MENNONITE CHURCH



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### GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – Con moto maestoso from Sonata III Sherilyn Ortman  
*Based on the chorale tune “Out of the Depths” Psalm 130*  
(Felix Mendelssohn)

Welcome Jay Penner

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Choral Call to Worship

**People:** *You Are All We Have* VT #701

Singers: From the depths we cry to you, knowing you've promised to  
forgive. In your word we place our hope; we wait for you.  
Blessed be your name.

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Prayer of Invocation

\* Hymn – *God Is Here Among Us* VT #62

\* Greeting each other

Offering – Mennonite Disaster Service

Offertory Kenzy Penner

Children's Story Kelsey Pidde

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

Hearing the Scriptures Ezekiel 37:1-14, Romans 8:6-11

Confession

Song – *We Come* VT #225

\* Gospel Reading John 11:17-25

Sermon – “Breathe and Believe” Randy Detweiler

### RESPONDING TO GOD

Response Song – *Spirit of the Living God* VT #740

Sharing and Congregational Prayer Corey Miller

\* Sending Song – *God Who Touches Earth with Beauty* VT #550

\* Benediction

Postlude

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

Dry bones come alive through the power of God! Both the OT and Gospel stories invite us to see how God calls humanity to life! We welcome Randy Detweiler from AMBS to the pulpit and all who have “*come home*” for Schmeckfest. May we experience new life as we worship together today. We are so glad you are here.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Mennonite Disaster Service**.

The photo on the bulletin cover was provided by Tim Waltner.

8:45am – Lenten Prayer Time in Fellowship Hall

9:30am – Sunday School for all ages

10:30am – Worship Service

2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

### THIS WEEK

**Mar. 29 (Wed)** – Chancel choir rehearsal at 7:00pm

**Mar. 30 (Thurs)** – Deacons meeting at 7:00pm

**Mar. 31 (Fri)** – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

**Apr. 1 (Sat)** – Women’s book study at 9:30am

**Apr. 1 (Sat)** – Game Night in the Fellowship Hall (7-9:00pm)

### NEXT SUNDAY – Apr. 2

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. The theme is “*Called to Worship*” and the scriptures are Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31, Philippians 2:5-11, and Matthew 21:1-11. Pastor Corey will be preaching and palm branches will be waving.

Next week the offering is for the **Household Treasury**.

### COMING EVENTS

**April 2-5** – Holy Week services at Bethany Mennonite at 7:00pm

**April 7** – Good Friday service and communion at Salem-Zion at 7:00pm

**April 9** – Easter Sunday breakfast and worship. Breakfast will be served from 8:30-9:30am and worship will be at 10:00am.

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

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### Happenings over the past week:

- Malynda Penner’s grandfather, Jimmy Carter, died this past week. A memorial service will be later in the spring.

### **Remember to praise God for:**

- the wonderful moments we shared together last weekend with the Ross Richers. If you missed out, go to our website and listen to the service where Jerrell shared a children’s story and Jane preached. We also praise God for the wonderful potluck we shared together with the South Church, who are also mission partners with the Ross Richers.

- A representative from LSS in Sioux Falls called the church office last Tuesday and expressed her heartfelt gratitude for the large donation of coats, gloves, shoes and boots. She said these gifts were an answer to prayer and came at the **Perfect time!** Twelve people had just come to LSS and some were only wearing flip flops and so these warm clothes gave them comfort and hope in this long winter. Thank you to all who donated.

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

- those who cannot be here today: Bernie Koller.

- Ruby Waltner will be having total hip replacement surgery on Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Ruby welcomes your prayers and your calls as she anticipates this surgery.

- Malynda in the loss of her grandfather.

- Central Plains congregations that are in the midst of pastoral searches. Pray for search committees and for candidates looking for churches, that God may guide the search process according to God’s will.

**Holy Week Services at Bethany Mennonite Church:** From April 2-5, our local Mennonite churches will once again have Holy Week services. This year, Bethany Mennonite is hosting and Dr. Nathan Hitchcock will be preaching. Dr. Hitchcock is owner of Sevensided Consulting, where he works with seminaries, denominations, and mission agencies to implement competency-based theological education. Salem-Zion and the Freeman House Church will share worship leading responsibilities on Monday night, April 3. All worship services begin at 7:00pm.

All those attending Easter worship at Salem-Zion are invited to come celebrate with a **fellowship breakfast**. Please attend yourselves and bring any guests. Just sign on the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex before April 3rd, so we have an idea of how many will be attending. We will be serving from 8:30 till 9:30 that morning.

**Prayer Time During Lent at 8:45am:** Every Sunday morning during the season of Lent, everyone is invited to a time of scripture reading, reflection, silence, and prayer surrounding the Biblical texts for that Sunday. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

One of the highlights at Salem-Zion this time of year is to celebrate the risen Christ. Youth and adults are invited to sing with the chancel choir on Easter Sunday. Please consider this to be an opportunity to be an active participant in this upcoming worship experience. There will be a **rehearsal on Wednesday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m.** Put this event on your calendars.

At the **game night** planned for April 1st, 7:00-9:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, there will be a variety of games to choose from such as Go-Fish, Settlers of Catan, The Farming Game, or bean-bag-toss, etc. If you have a favorite you would like to share, please bring it! We're hoping this event will allow time and an environment for both ends on the age spectrum to get to know each other and allow parents a little time for adult conversation. (Parents are also welcome to play with their children.) Delicious popcorn and cookies/bars will be provided by the social/kitchen committee. Gaming is welcome to go past 9pm if accompanied by a responsible party.

Please see the bulletin board in the narthex for a **thank-you card** from Gabriel and Kelly Eisenbeis.

**Scattered Seeds** was emailed with the bulletin this week and a few hard copies are available on the table in the narthex.

The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association (SMCHA) is again offering **grants** – details are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

### **Community Connections**

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**Rural Revival** will meet on Monday, March 27 at 7:30 P.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

**Knowing God's Peace:** "What we see in Christ is sacrificial love. Merciful love. Love that values the well-being of others above itself. Love that will generously and fully pour itself out, whatever the cost, in order that the beloved might benefit, flourish and thrive." - Krish Kandiah

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