



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

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### GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *Amazing Grace* (arr. Craig Phillips) Dan Graber

Welcome Mary Mannes

Preparing for Peace *And I Will Raise You Up*

Call to Worship

L: Together we seek the way of God.

**P: whose ways are not our ways, whose thoughts are beyond our thoughts.**

L: Today we accept God's invitation to the feast,

**P: where there is water in the desert and delightful food to share.**

L: As we worship, we receive the abundant gifts of God

**P: without money and without price.**

**ALL: So let us praise God and sing for joy!**

Opening Prayer

\* Hymn – *Come to the Water* (VT #35) Ensemble

Celebrating our Offerings – Mennonite Disaster Service

Children's Story Leo and Penny

### PROCLAIMING

Hearing the Scriptures Isaiah 55:1-9, I Corinthians 10:1-13

Song – *I Sought the Lord* #161

\* Hearing the Gospel Luke 13:1-9

Sermon – "Waiting for Fruit" Corey Miller

### RESPONDING

Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

\* Sending Song – *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* #610

Blessing

Postlude – *Prelude in C Major* (J. S. Bach)

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

As we continue our journey through Lent, the scriptures continue to remind us that we are always encouraged to return to God and God's banqueting table. God is astonishingly patient with us, even during seasons when no fruit appears. As we worship God together, may we see that abundant life is a gift from God to all. Welcome!

Following our worship, we are invited to a **meal** in the Fellowship Hall provided by the deacons. Following the meal, we will **discuss the various resolutions** that will be addressed in Kansas City in May. Sharon Waltner will be leading our conversation.

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

- 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

**March 30 (Wed)** – Chancel choir rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

### NEXT SUNDAY – April 3

Next Sunday we continue our Lenten series "Seeking God's Ways." The theme is "*From Scarcity to Abundance*." The scriptures are Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126, John 12:1-8 and Philippians 3:4-14. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

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

### COMING EVENTS

**April 10-13 – Holy Week** services held at Salem Mennonite Church at 7:00pm with Nathan Luitjens

**April 15 – Good Friday** service held at Salem-Zion at 7:30pm

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### Happenings over the past week:

- Johnny Graber remains a patient at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls. He had a bone marrow biopsy on Monday and the family is discerning next steps.
- Jim Dick had an ablation procedure at the Heart Hospital on Monday. He was able to return home the same day and is recovering well.

- The crew from *Raise Rite Concrete Lifting* finished their work last Monday. We are grateful to see improvements.

- Pastor Corey and Nancy enjoyed a very quick trip to Kansas to speak at Bethel College on Wednesday. It was a special joy that both of our college students, Rachel and Josie, were in attendance. 😊

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

- those who cannot be here today: Delmar Ortman.
- Johnny Graber and his family as they make decisions regarding Johnny's health.
- Jim Dick as he recovers from his surgery.
- the continued trauma that Ukrainians feel as the war rages on.
- those who are struggling with various health concerns, or loved ones who are entering their last season on earth. Oh Lord, have mercy and touch all with your loving embrace.
- CPMC's Partners in Mission, Philip Friesen and the Agape Peace Center.

**Learning about Resolutions to be voted on in Kansas City in May:** Today, 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. Note the link that was sent out along with this Sunday's bulletin, as it is Glen Guyton's words that dispel some of the myths surrounding these resolutions.

After many, many months, we are excited to announce that chancel choir will sing on Easter Sunday! **Anyone is welcome** and encouraged to join us. We will rehearse the next two Wednesdays at 7:30 pm, with rehearsal during Holy Week to be determined.

**Time/Talents Sheets:** At Salem-Zion, we need everyone to joyfully share their gifts with our Body in order to live out our mission. The Time/Talents sheets give you an opportunity to volunteer yourself for ministries that are needed. We will dedicate these sheets on **April 3**. May God be glorified in the sharing of our lives for the sake of God's Reign in Jesus' name!

The deacons will be making a financial contribution to the Maynard Yoder family. Baskets will be available today (March 27) as you exit the sanctuary for those who wish to add to this **love offering**.

All ladies are invited to a **bridal shower for Katie Magera**, fiancé of William Janssen, on Sunday, April 3 at 2:00 pm. You may bring a gift for Katie or there will be a money basket and card available, if you prefer that option.

Central Plains Mennonite Conference is hosting a webinar on the Special Delegate Assembly with Glen Guyton, Executive Director of MCUSA, on April 7 at 7:00 p.m. While all conference leaders and MCUSA delegates are encouraged to register, **registration is open to anyone who would like to attend the webinar**. Please follow this link to register for the webinar on April 7: <http://www.centralplainsmc.org/glen-guyton-webinar.html>.

**Prayer for Peace:**

God of Mercy, We pray for Ukraine. For all of humanity distorted by war. For all the lives lost, homes seized and peace broken. May the Spirit of comfort and compassion envelop all who dwell in fear. May the Spirit of wisdom and humility enliven our global leaders. May we affirm the dignity and rights of all. May we seek peace. Amen.

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

The **Rural Revival** monthly meeting will be on March 28 at 8 pm in the Freeman Public Library, downtown Freeman.

**Saturday, April 2, 7:30 p.m. Freeman Network for Justice and Peace is sponsored a program** at the historic Bethel Church at the Heritage Hall Museum & Archives complex. Three local people, Everett Waltner, Susan Schrag, and Norman Hofer, will share stories of local conscientious objectors during World War I. Before and after this program, the Voices of Conscience exhibit on display in the Bethel Church from the Kauffman Museum in North Newton, Kansas, can be explored. There is no admission but donations are encouraged.

The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association (SMCHA) is again offering **education financial assistance grants** to individuals preparing for full-time Christian service, Mennonite ministry, Mennonite voluntary service, or other related careers. Please see the bulletin board in the narthex for details.

Did you know that **Et Cetera Shoppe** is overseen by a wonderful group of volunteers who serve on our Board of Directors? This group helps to oversee everything going on at the shop, and we couldn’t do it without them! Our

current board consists of Brent Brockmueller, Gloria Dowden, Marlene Herman, Dolores Hernandez, Bekka Kramer, Paul Ortman, Shirley Ries, Jenny Tschetter, and Carolyn Waltner. Chris Eisenbeis serves as our financial manager. If you’re a volunteer OR a frequent customer, you probably have the insight needed to be a great Et Cetera Shoppe board member. Interested in helping the store in this way? Let Kris Carlson or Anita Eisenbeis know at 925-7098!

**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/UCX8KyFIZChK0Ef-rlBAaS3A>

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