



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

March 28, 2021

Called to Deep Hope – Palm Sunday

“...Though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited.” – Philippians 2:6

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

- Prelude Sheila Epp
- Welcome and Call to Worship David Janssen
- Lighting the Peace Lamp instrumentation of *All Who Are Thirsty* (VT #49)
- Opening Prayer
- * Opening Hymn – *My hope is built on nothing less* (HWB #343)
Choristers: LeRoy Epp, Judy Graber

HEARING GOD’S WORD

- Children’s Story Lacey Friesen
- Hearing the Scriptures Isaiah 50:4-9a and Philippians 2:5-11
- Song – *Here I Am to Worship* (VT #227)
- * Hearing the Gospel John 12:12-16
- Sermon – “Staying Centered in Competing Currents” Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL

- Confession
- P: Deep calls to deep. We call to you from the depths of our hearts.**
- L: We confess the rapid pace of life that sweeps us off our feet into whirlpools of expectations, into eddies of busy distractions.
We confess our need for a steadfast stream of your grace enduring forever, saving us.
- Silence*
- Deep calls to deep. You call to us from the depth of your love.
- P: Calling us to deep relationship. We come to you, God.**

Missional Moment – Mennonite Disaster Service

Congregational Prayer

- * Sending Song – *My life flows on* (HWB #580)

Benediction

Postlude

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

As we follow Jesus into Holy Week, we sense the rush of the crowds and seek the deep, steady current of God’s steadfast love, calling us to deep hope in the One who comes in the name of the Lord. We are so glad that you have joined our “Hosannas” in our time of worship. Welcome friends of God!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Mennonite Disaster Service**. MDS has been active in Texas in recent weeks due to the freeze in February and they are still responding to needs in Texas related to Hurricane Harvey. Both volunteer labor and funds help to bring water and hope to people traumatized by this winter storm. We celebrate God’s healing through MDS!

9:30 a.m. – Adult Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

THIS WEEK

Sunday – Holy Week services with Rachel Miller Jacobs, 7:00pm

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Wednesday - Zoom Bible Study from Mark 15 – “*A Solemn Day*” at 10am

- No Faith from the Heart this week

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Friday – Good Friday Service at Salem-Zion at 7:00pm. Come and walk the path that Jesus walked to the cross. Scripture, music, reflections, communion and silence will guide us to humble worship of Christ.

NEXT SUNDAY – April 4

Next Sunday is Easter Sunday, the pinnacle of the church year and the moment of unbridled praise! The focus of the morning is “**Called to deep living**.” The Biblical texts are Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 118, John 20:1-18, Acts 10:34-43 and I Corinthians 15:1-11. Special music will happen and Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Offering next Sunday will be for our **Household Treasury**.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Tammy Benjamin had double mastectomy surgery on Tuesday and was able to return home on Wednesday.

- Elmer Gross had heart valve replacement and by-pass surgery on Wednesday in Sioux Falls.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Allen & Ardelle Schrag.
- Tammy Benjamin as she heals from her surgery.
- Elmer Gross as he recovers from his heart surgery.
- The families and community of Colorado, who have endured another horrific day of violence. Lord, have mercy on all who have been traumatized by this shooting.
- Our upcoming Holy Week services with Rachel Miller Jacobs held at our church March 28,29,30,31.
- 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 2021: Salem-Zion will be hosting our annual Holy Week services, **March 28-31, beginning at 7:00pm.** Rachel Miller Jacobs, professor at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, will be our featured speaker/teacher. Rachel will not be with us in person but will be visiting with us via ZOOM during our service. Any offerings given will help to cover the cost of hosting these services and after our speaker expense is met, the remaining offering will be split between *Bienvenidos* and the *Freeman Ministerium*. You can join in on these worship services in person (only Salem-Zion people will be present) or watch them live-streamed from home. We trust that God’s Spirit will lead us through this Holy Week.

Salem-Zion Live Streams: Holy Week Services (and all future streams) will be available from our YouTube Channel homepage at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX8KyFIZChK0Ef-rIBAAaS3A>

In the future, there will not be direct links to the stream, but instead they will be easy to find in the "Upcoming live streams" section. This link will work for all videos going forward. This address never changes and is good for all videos we will post. It can be bookmarked for easy access to the new streams every week. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the church office.

Community Connections

Spring Events at Freeman Academy: Find out more at FreemanAcademy.org
April 8 – Kindergarten Screening 3-6pm. Register for an appointment.

Now Open – Faith and Leadership Scholarship applications. Encourage your youth leaders to apply for this special opportunity and the 40% tuition discount.

Seeking God’s Peace:
“A moral imagination is grounded in the absolute belief that the world can be better. A moral imagination envisions Isaiah’s “new heaven and new earth,” where the “wolf and the lamb shall feed together,” and trusts that it will be made real (Isaiah 65). Such hope trusts that the arc of God’s universe does in fact bend toward justice.”
 - Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas

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