



*Show us, God,
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itself*



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

March 29, 2020

Show us Your power over death

“Mortal, can these bones live? O LORD God, you know.” - Ezekiel 37:3

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Welcome

Interlude – *When I survey the wondrous cross*

Michael Burkhardt

PRAISING GOD

Call to Worship

L: In ancient times, Yahweh asked the prophet, *“Do you believe these dead bones can live again?”*

P: The prophet answered, “O God, you know!”

L: In the time of Jesus, he asked Martha, *“Do you believe I am the resurrection and the life?”*

P: Martha answered, “Yes, Lord, I believe.”

L: Today God asks, *“Do you trust that mourning can turn into joy? That your weary bones will live again?”*

P: We answer, “O God, show us!”

Hymn of Praise – *I sing the mighty power of God* (HWB #46)

Trio

Offering our gifts – Deacon Sharing Fund

Offertory – *In the cross of Christ I glory*

Wilber Held

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Old Testament

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Song – *Beautiful Things*

Austin Unruh & Rachel Miller

Hearing the Gospel

John 11:1-6, 17-26, 38-44

Sermon – “Jesus Speaks Life”

Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Affirmation of Faith

In the silence of the void, our Creator spoke, bringing life. The Cosmic Christ and the Holy Spirit hovered over the waters – matter from nothing, flesh from dust, life from lifelessness.

We believe Jesus can bring life out of nothing, but three days is a long time to wait. Jesus, in our waiting for new life, give us hope. Show us your resurrection power that we may fully believe.

Updates and Congregational Prayer

Song – *I am the Bread of life*

Trio

Benediction

Postlude – *God, whose giving knows no ending*

Healey Willan

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

We hold in tension the truth that Jesus is the resurrection, and the reality that death does have some sting. Jesus, we need you to show us that you have power over death itself. We are so glad that you are able to tune into our worship today.

Organist: Ken Mannes; **Trio:** Austin Unruh, Rachel Miller, Judy Graber

THIS WEEK

No planned meetings or activities this week.

NEXT SUNDAY – April 5 Palm Sunday

Next Sunday we continue the Lenten series “*Show Us*” and the focus is “*Show us how to balance celebration and grief.*” The scriptures are Isaiah 50:4-9, Ps. 118, Matthew 21:1-11, Philippians 2:5-11 and Pastor Corey will be preaching. We will not gather for public worship, but you will be able to listen online to the service.

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

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Matt and Digna Miller and family recently moved to a new home. Their address is: 28111 441st Ave. Freeman, SD 57029.
- Susan Schrag shares a praise in that her mother, Marjorie Hoppe, (Correctionville, IA) will celebrate her 99th birthday on April 2. Susan praises the Lord that her mother has a good mind and well enough body to live on her own yet.
- The Penner family rejoiced in Keely’s birthday that happened on Wednesday, March 25. Keely turned 5!
- Pastor Corey rejoices that his father Arlen is now back at home after several days in the hospital in Sioux Falls last week. Arlen was fighting an infection that came from the stents that they put in a few weeks ago. His PSA numbers are now below normal and his chemo pills seem to be working well. All your prayers are much appreciated by the Miller family.
- Gary and Gloria were able to deliver donated items of fresh food to our friends in Flandreau this past week. Nitza, the woman who opened her restaurant up to scores of immigrants who have moved into the area, has been feeding school children lunches recently. Her restaurant is also the place where people are learning English. It seems clear to us who know Nitza that she is kind of the “*Mother Teresa*” of Flandreau.

Remember to pray for:

- the scores of people who have lost loved ones around the world because of the coronavirus.
- the millions of people in the United States that find themselves unemployed at this time.
- the governing officials who are working in tense times, the nurses, doctors and medical personnel who are facing coronavirus on the front line. Oh Lord, have mercy.
- Everyone at Salem-Zion, as we all make adjustments in these days. May our absence from each other in body draw us nearer to each other in spirit and we remember and pray for each other in these challenging times.
- our new Executive Conference Minister Nathan Luitjens. Nathan began his position .25 FTE in March and will be full time in September. We give thanks for Nathan's vision and leadership.

Remember to thank God for:

- daily bread to eat and loving people to watch over us.
- the power that Jesus has over death itself, even when its sting is still felt on this side of eternity.

Holy Week Services at Salem-Zion Mennonite

Pastor Corey is working on some scripture readings and devotional thoughts that will guide your Holy Week prayers, reflections and meditation. They will be hopefully ready to go by next Sunday. We may try having a live-stream Good Friday service on Friday, April 10th. More details will be coming regarding that.

Offerings during this season: Even though we are not able to worship publicly together, it is still an important practice to give of our offerings to the ministries we have committed to. We will continue to follow our weekly offering schedule and encourage you to give toward these ministries. You can either send a check/cash in the mail to the church office (in care of the Treasurer), or if you want to do an online bill pay, you can check with your bank. Many ministries will especially need our support in these times, so we hope that our offerings may continue to be a tangible way of responding to God’s generous love in our life.

Voices Together Update: In November of 2019 at the annual congregational meeting, we agreed to purchase the new hymnal *Voices Together*. In order to receive the available discounts, we had to indicate how many books we would purchase by December 1 and then pay for the balance by May 1. The balance is approximately \$8400.00, and a portion of this balance includes individual orders. Receipts for what you have ordered as well as the amount

you owe will be sent to you via e-mail or mail. As a congregation, we still need to pay approximately \$7,400 to receive the full discounts available to us. The Administrative board has approved a loan from the organ and music fund to assure that the discount is received. Please help us achieve this goal soon. Please talk to anyone on the committee for information: Nancy Miller (chair), Austin Unruh, David Janssen, Mary Mannes, or Aidan Kesteloot. Thank you!

Community Connections

Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War is an exhibit organized into ten themes that encourage exploration and reflection. The theme modules surround a recreation of an Alcatraz Prison cell, the site where Hutterite conscientious objectors were punished for refusing military participation. Text and quotes provide interpretation and raise provocative questions for viewers while large-scale graphics and photomurals immerse visitors in the historical experience of witnessing for peace during "total war." The exhibit is located at the historic Bethel Mennonite Church on the campus of Heritage Hall Museum & Archives in Freeman from March 20 through April 26. A museum admission fee of \$8.00 adults/\$4.00 students (gr. 1-12) permits entrance to the exhibit and all museum property. *For the time being, the museum is open only by appointment. Please call ahead to schedule your visit.*

God's Peace during Lent

"Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life..." - Pope Benedict XVI

Resources that might be helpful for you at this time:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

(CDC)Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Fact sheet: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/2019-ncov-factsheet.pdf>

Faith Resources: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/index.html>

Denominational Resources

Mennonite Church USA:

<http://mennoniteusa.org/news/mennonite-church-usa-managing-coronavirus/>

MennoMedia Faith Formation Resources for Children and Adults:

--Shine Curriculum:

<https://shinecurriculum.com/shineathome/free-resources/>

--Adult Bible Study:

https://d1a8dioxuajlzs.cloudfront.net/accounts/10781/original/March22ABS.pdf?1584468027&utm_campaign=Staying+Connected+%2B+Staying+Safe+with+MennoMedia&utm_content=fc2ba90be9a1d5bb9a65342ea2aa3232&utm_source=Robly.com&utm_medium=email

--Rejoice Devotional:

https://d1a8dioxuajlzs.cloudfront.net/accounts/10781/original/March22Rejoice.pdf?1584463631&utm_campaign=Staying+Connected+%2B+Staying+Safe+with+MennoMedia&utm_content=fc2ba90be9a1d5bb9a65342ea2aa3232&utm_source=Robly.com&utm_medium=email

--Take our Moments and Our Days:

https://d1a8dioxuajlzs.cloudfront.net/accounts/10781/original/March22TOM.pdf?1584466980&utm_source=Robly.com&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Staying+Connected+%2B+Staying+Safe+with+MennoMedia&utm_content=fc2ba90be9a1d5bb9a65342ea2aa3232

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