



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

March 7, 2021  
Called to Deep Wisdom

*“Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” - John 2:19*

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

- Prelude – *Soliloquy* (Charles Callahan) Ken Mannes
- Welcome and Call to Worship Susan Schrag
- Lighting the Peace Lamp instrumentation of *All Who Are Thirsty* (VT #49)
- Opening Prayer
- \* Opening Hymn – *Morning has broken* (HWB #648)  
Chorister: Mary Mannes

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

- Children’s Story Malynnda Penner
- Hearing the Scriptures Exodus 20:1-17 and I Corinthians 1:18-25
- Song – *God, fill me now* (SS #63)
- \* Hearing the Gospel John 2:13-22
- Sermon – “Disrupting the Temple” Weldon Nisly

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL

- Confession
  - L: Deep calls to deep. We call to you from the depths of our hearts.
  - P: We confess when we have settled into sameness, forgetting the rhythms of the heavens, ignoring the rhythms of justice.**
  - P. We confess when we have not looked up into the eyes of a neighbor, into your Word that still lives.**
- Silence*
- L: 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 – Household Treasury
- Congregational Prayer
- \* Sending Song – *God be with you* (HWB #430)
- Benediction
- Postlude – *Improvised*

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

In the patterns and glory of God’s creation, and in God’s commandments and promises, we are called to obtain deep wisdom. God’s wisdom undermines our assumptions and takes us deeper than our efforts can lead us. We welcome you to our worship as we seek God’s wisdom in our lives.

We offer special thanks to Weldon Nisly in bringing our message to us this morning. Weldon is a retired Mennonite pastor, but is currently working part-time with Christian Peacemaker Teams’ Iraqi Kurdistan and Palestine teams.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for the *Household Treasury*.

- 9:30 a.m. – Adult Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

### THIS WEEK

- Mar. 8 (Mon) - Administrative Board meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 10 (Wed) - Zoom Bible Study from Mark 12-13 – “*The Beginning of the End*” at 10 a.m.
- Faith From the Heart (Zoom) led by Pastor Corey at 6:45 p.m.

### NEXT SUNDAY – March 14

Next Sunday we continue our Lent series “Deep Calls to Deep” and the focus of the morning is “*Called to deep healing.*” The Biblical texts are Numbers 21:4-9, John 3:14-21, and Ephesians 2:1-10. Pastor Corey will be preaching. Offering next Sunday will be for *Central Plains Mennonite Conference*.

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### Happenings over the past week:

- Christina Hofer and Paul Zehr recently became engaged to be married! We celebrate with Christina and Paul and their families as they anticipate a wedding on November 6, 2021.

### Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Cody Schrag.
- Christina and Paul as they grow in their love and prepare for their wedding vows.
- Christian Peacemaker Teams as they continue to stand in harm’s way in their peace witness.
- peace in the Middle East where there is often much tension, misunderstandings and injustice.
- Chelsea Vaught as she is installed and licensed for ministry at Bethesda Mennonite Church in Henderson, NE as the Pastor of Worship and Congregational Care.

**Faith Formed during a Pandemic:** There is no question that our faith has been formed, shaped and affected by the pandemic that we've experienced in this past year. "Deep calling to Deep" invites us to ponder what we have learned or struggled with. I would encourage you to listen with the ears of your heart and write down your thoughts. Those words or ideas might be just the encouragement that others need to hear. I eagerly await your reflections.  
– Pastor Corey

**Holy Week Services 2021:** Salem-Zion will be hosting our annual Holy Week services, March 28-31. Rachel Miller Jacobs, professor at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, will be our featured speaker/teacher. These services will be in person and they will also be live-streamed.

**A Word from the Covid-19 Task Team:** The Covid-19 Task Team met this past week to review guidelines about our gathering for public worship. We are very thankful that positive cases of Covid-19 have been declining in South Dakota and our local community. At Salem-Zion we have been fortunate to have the choice of attending in-person worship with safety guidelines and also offering live-streaming for those who prefer to connect to our ministry in that way. For those attending in-person we recommend following the guideline of wearing a mask as you enter and exit the church building. If you wish to remove your mask once you are seated, you may do so. Please continue to practice safe physical distancing. As time goes on we hope to modify other guidelines as well. We realize there continues to be varying opinions on practices and we ask for your prayers and grace as we work through these challenging times together. –the Covid-19 Task Team

Walking the Jesus Way can be hard work, complex and bewildering even, as our context keeps changing. How about some "continuing education" or "in-service" to help keep us up to the task? Nothing like taking a regular, joint look at our "instruction manual"/"road map" and enjoying some mutual encouragement from fellow pilgrims on the journey. **An in-person Adult Sunday School class will begin today, March 7, at 9:30 AM** in the Fellowship Hall using the Salt & Light material available in the narthex. All are welcome! The adult SS class in the fellowship hall will be following the same guidelines that are prescribed for worship, that is, participants may remove their masks after they are seated at a safe distance.

**Ardelle Schrag** is turning 98 on March 11. Well wishes can be sent to the Tieszen Memorial Home: 312 E State Street, Marion, SD 57043.

**Offering note:** Please write out offering checks to "Salem-Zion Mennonite Church" and **designate the recipient in the memo line.** Thank you for assisting in this way.

**February Offerings and Gifts:** Household Treasury - \$11,566.00; Deacon Sharing Fund - \$825.00; The Banquet - \$205.00; Flandreau - \$25.00; Ross Richers (MMN partnership) - \$200.00; Central Plains Mennonite Conference - \$1,330.00; Mennonite Church USA - \$325.00; MCC Meat Canning - \$550.00; Freeman Academy - \$835.00; Bienvenidos - \$950.00.

**February Household Treasury Report** – Income: \$11,566.63; Expenses: \$15,299.51; Balance: \$11,696.72.

The **March newsletter** was sent as an attachment with this week's e-mailed bulletin. Hard copies are available in the narthex, as well.

**Minutes** from the January Deacon meeting are posted in the narthex.

In conversation with the Board and Staff, Central Plains Mennonite Conference Annual Meeting Task Group has decided that **this year's CPMC Annual Meeting will take place in a virtual format on June 18 & 19**, culminating in a conference-wide worship service on June 20. More information can be found on our website as it becomes available ([centralplainsmc.org/annual-meeting-2021](http://centralplainsmc.org/annual-meeting-2021)).

### Community Connections

**Swan Lake Christian Camp** will be hosting its annual meeting virtually on March 7 at 4:00 pm. The meeting will be held over Zoom. If you would like to participate, please call the office at 605-326-5690 or email [campoffice@myslcc.com](mailto:campoffice@myslcc.com) to get log-in information sent to you.

The **Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** is meeting on Thursday, March 11 at 7:30 P.M. via Zoom. Please call 605-505-0638 to receive access information.

What sets Christian education apart? Learn more at the **Freeman Academy Open House** on March 19 from 2-4pm. Drop in for information or to schedule visits with teachers, register at [FreemanAcademy.org](http://FreemanAcademy.org).

**Praying for Peace:** "We who were formerly no people at all, and who knew of no peace, are now called to be...a church...of peace. True Christians do not know vengeance. They are the children of peace. Their hearts overflow with peace. Their mouths speak peace, and they walk in the way of peace." – Menno Simons

**Pastor Corey Miller**

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