



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

April 11, 2021

Easter Season Sunday

“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you.’” – John 20:21

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *Adagio* (Marcello)

Ruby Waltner

Welcome

Corey Miller

Reflecting - "Low in the Grave He Lay" (Voices Together #333);

arrangement by Carla Klassen | Pianist: Beverly Lapp, Vice President and Academic Dean

Call to Worship (Voices Together #1047) | Allan Rudy-Froese, Associate Professor of Christian Proclamation

Opening Prayer | Sibonokuhle Ncube, student from Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Hymn - "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (Voices Together #737) | Janet Abai, student from Jos, Nigeria; and Anna Ressler, student from Apple Creek, Ohio, U.S.

PROCLAIMING

Scripture presentation (John 20:19-31) | Rachel Miller Jacobs, Associate Professor of Congregational Formation

Sermon - "Believing with Hope and Resilience" | David Boshart, President

Sermon response | Lisa Heinrichs, student from Hope, British Columbia, Canada

Hymn - "We Walk By Faith" (Voices Together #588) | Janeen Bertsche Johnson, Director of Campus Ministries

WITNESSING

Student Testimony | Andios Santoso, student from Surabaya, East Java, Indonesia

Song | Hailu Wondafrash, student from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Intercessory Prayer | Janeen Bertsche Johnson, Director of Campus Ministries

SENDING

The Lord's Prayer | Greek: Drew Strait, Assistant Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins; English: Daniel Grimes, Vice President for Advancement and Enrollment; Amharic: Misgana Eshete, Student from Bishoftu, Oromiya, Ethiopia

Benediction - Voices Together #1066 | Bob Yoder, Director of Development
Sending Song - "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" (Voices Together #346)
| Kristen Swartley, student from Cedar Falls, Iowa, U.S., flute; Rebecca Slough, Academic Dean Emerita and Professor Emerita of Worship and the Arts, piano

Congregational Prayer

Corey Miller

Postlude – *Postlude* (Young)

Ruby Waltner

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

We rejoice in this Easter Season that Christ is risen from the dead. Today, our friends from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary will be leading us in worship. We are blessed to hear former conference minister and now AMBS President, David Boshart, bring the message. We are so glad you have joined us!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for *Central Plains Mennonite Conference*.

9:00 a.m. – Zoom Adult Sunday School

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

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

THIS WEEK

Apr. 13 (Tues) - Deacon meeting at 7:30pm

Apr. 14 (Wed) - Faith From the Heart (Zoom) led by Malynda Penner at 6:45pm

NEXT SUNDAY – April 18

Next Sunday we continue rejoicing in Christ's resurrection from the dead. The texts are Acts 3:12-19, Psalm 4, I John 3:1-7, and Luke 24:36-48 and Caley Ortman will be preaching.

Offering next Sunday will be for *Freeman Academy*.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Elmer Gross was able to return home on Thursday from the Freeman Hospital. Elmer's recovery has gone well and he is feeling good!

- Last Wednesday we finished our corporate reading through the Gospel of Mark. Hopefully, in the future, we will read through another Biblical book together through ZOOM.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Duane & LaVonne Schrag.
- those who are carrying heavy burdens today regarding work, health concerns or relationship struggles. Oh Lord, breathe upon all who are hurting, your breath of life and comforting hope.
- the faculty and staff at Freeman Academy and Hillcrest Academy.

March Offerings and Gifts: Household Treasury - \$13,250.00; Flandreau - \$520.00; Deacon Sharing Fund - \$1,675.00; Outreach & Service - \$20.00; Student Tuition Sharing Fund - \$20.00; Shalom - \$5,000.00; Freeman Academy - \$115.00; MDS - \$1,726.00; CPMC - \$1,166.00; MCC Meat Canning - \$250.00; Bienvenidos - \$150.00; SLCC - \$100.00; AMBS - \$500.00; MC USA - \$1,875.00; MCC - \$20.00; Wellspring - \$20.00; CPT - \$100.00.

Community Connections

The world is longing to “return to normal”, and so is the **Et Cetera Shoppe!** But in order to do so, we would need more volunteers. Currently we are in need of clothing pricers (a weekly position), a shoe department person (totally flexible), and clerks up front (flexible shifts). If you’d like to join the fun and be part of our mission that impacts people both locally and globally, PLEASE call the shop at 925-7098 and talk to Kris or Anita to express your interest.

MDS PINE RIDGE PROJECT: We are planning a trip to work at the Pine Ridge volunteer center from April 19 to 23. The tasks will be to install pre-hung doors, hang drywall, and paint primer coats. Food and lodging will be provided. Please call Dennis Ries at 925-7788 or 759-4312 or Duane Tieszen at 648-3226 or 360-9014 if you would like to accompany us.

MCC dignity kit informational webinar, April 20 at 7 p.m. Yes, MCC has a new kit that has been in development for years and now we’re ready to teach you how to help us bring dignity to young women around the world! The dignity kit includes hygiene items and a reusable menstruation pad system. Join Kate Mast for this webinar to learn about the kit and how to sew the base units for the reusable system. Email katemast@mcc.org for the Zoom link.

Responding to disaster: MCC's response to hurricanes Eta & Iota webinar April 21 & 22 at 7pm. MCC is pleased to bring you, via Zoom, the people and stories directly impacted by this disaster response that you generously supported. Register at <https://mcc.org/get-involved/events/responding-disaster-mccs-response-hurricanes-eta-iota> for this two-night webinar to hear directly from MCC partner organizations and church partners in Honduras and

Nicaragua. They will share about MCC’s disaster response as well as how climate change impacts migration and poverty in Central America.

Seeking God’s Peace:

“The Christian faith, while so wildly misrepresented in so much of American culture, is really about death and resurrection. It’s about how God continues to reach into the graves we dig for ourselves and pull us out, giving us new life, in ways both dramatic and small.”

-Nadia Bolz-Weber, pastor, author, speaker

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