



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

“Faith and Doubt”
April 16, 2023

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (arr. by Keveren) Mavis Ortman

Welcome Steve Graber

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship (from Psalm 16)

L: You, Lord, are all I want! You are my choice, and you keep me safe.

P: You make my life pleasant, and my future is bright.

L: Even in the darkest night, your teachings fill my mind.

P: You stand beside me and protect me from fear.

L: You have shown me the path to life and are always near me.

P: Sitting at your right side, I will always be joyful.

Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn – *Could It Be That God Is Singing* VT #42

* Greeting each other

Children’s Story Paul Ortman

Offering – Freeman Academy

Offertory – *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* (arr. by Hayes)

Resurrection Praise I Peter 1:3-9

Hymn – *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* VT #348

HEARING GOD’S WORD

* Gospel John 20:19-23

* Song – *Come and Fill Our Hearts* VT #52

Gospel John 20:24-31

Sermon – “Seeing is believing...or is it?” Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD

Song – *These Things Did Thomas Count* (VT #343) Quartet

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Sending Song – *Now the Green Blade Rises* VT #353

Benediction

Postlude

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

With Thomas we bring our questions, our confusion, even our doubt to Jesus. As we continue to ponder resurrection hope, Jesus stands among us in His Risen Power. We are so glad that you are worshipping with us!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Freeman Academy**.

9:30am – Sunday School for all ages

10:30am – Worship Service

2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

THIS WEEK

Apr. 21 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

Apr. 22 (Sat) – Women’s book study at 9:30am

NEXT SUNDAY – Apr. 23

Next Sunday we continue to celebrate the joyous Easter season. The theme is: **The Road to Emmaus** and the scriptures are Psalm 116, I Peter 1:17-23 and Luke 24:13-35. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Next week the offering is for **Wellspring Wholistic Care Center**.

COMING EVENTS

April 26 – Deacons Meeting at 7:30pm

April 29 – Over 80’s Tea – 2:00-4:00pm at Salem-Zion church

May 7 – Community Baccalaureate Service at 4:00pm

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Amber (Schrag) and Jeremy Javers with children, Rocco and Sloan, moved from St. Joseph, MO to the Brookings area this week. Their new address is: 48318 213th St.; Elkton, SD 57026.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Paul & Darlene Engbrecht.
- the city of Louisville and all those families affected by the recent shooting. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.
- those who struggle with doubts, who wrestle with deep questions, those who readily identify with “Doubting Thomas.”
- Chelsea Vaught, Pastor of Worship and Congregational Care at Bethesda Mennonite Church in Henderson, NE, who is being ordained today. Pray for God's blessing on the ministry that Chelsea and Bethesda Mennonite share.

Two opportunities for travel and fellowship and to represent our church this summer: Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC) Annual Meeting June 15-18 in York, Nebraska and/or Mennonite Church USA Convention in Kansas City, MO July 3-8. If you are interested in attending either of these conferences, contact a deacon or Pastor Corey. Our church will assist with registration fees and other expenses.

March 31 Household Treasury Balance: -\$5,753.34

The **trustees are accepting bids** for one housekeeper, one janitor, and one groundskeeper. Please turn your bids in to one of the trustees: Jay Penner, Jon Graber, Orville Ortman, or Kyle Waltner by April 16th. Thank you.

Community Baccalaureate Service: Come and worship with the Freeman Ministerial Association and graduates of Freeman Public High School and Freeman Academy. The annual Baccalaureate Service will be on May 7, 2023 at 4 PM at the Freeman Community Center. All are welcome to attend and show their support for this year's graduates and their families. Music will be led by Craig Wollman and the rest of the service will be officiated by members of the Freeman Ministerial Association. The service will also be live-streamed for those who would like to show their support from a distance or from home with this link: [YouTube.com/@salemzionmennonitechurch8051](https://www.youtube.com/@salemzionmennonitechurch8051)

Community Connections

Rural Revival will meet Monday, April 24 at 8:00 P.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome to attend.

The **Freeman Academy Elementary and Middle School (Grades K-8) Spring Music Program**, featuring both vocal and instrumental departments, will take place Thursday, April 27, at 7:00 pm in the Pioneer Hall Gymnasium. Music directors are Tiffany McLeod, K-6 vocal; Dr. Rolf Olson, 7&8 vocal and Donna Ries, 5-8 instrumental. The public is invited to attend.

Spring has finally sprung! As you dive in to spring cleaning, please consider donating your high-quality items to **Et Cetera Shoppe**. We have an extremely important mission right here in our own community: providing affordable clothing and home items for low-income and fixed-income community members. Many of our customers depend on Et Cetera Shoppe to furnish their homes and closets. We accept donations of clean, folded clothing, working household items, and good condition furniture pieces on Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. A thrift store can only be as good as the donations it receives, so help us to be the best we can!

God's Peace in Resurrection Hope: *"My Lord and my God!" - Thomas, John 20:28*