



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday: *From Certainty to Openness*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *That Easter morn, at break of day* (arr. Willan) (#342) Ken Mannes
Choral Call to Worship – *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*
(Michael Larkin) Chancel Choir
Stacey Waltner

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Together we seek the way of God.

East: the generous

West: compassionate

East: grace-filled

West: inclusive

East: abundant,

West: powerful,

East: unsettling,

ALL: way of God.

L: On this day that God has made, may our hearts be open to the good news: Christ is not here, for he is risen!

ALL: Jesus Christ is risen indeed!

Opening Prayer

* Hymns – *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* VT #346
Lift Your Glad Voices #340

Greeting one another with Resurrection Joy

Children’s Story

Leo and Penny

Celebrating our Offerings – Freeman Academy

Rejoicing with the Psalmist

Psalm 118:1-2,14-24

Special Music – *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise!* (arr. Dan Forrest)

PROCLAIMING

Hearing the Gospel

John 20:1-18

Reader’s Theater

Song – *In Christ Alone* (congregation sings v. 2-3)

#332

Sermon – “From Weeping to Rejoicing”

Corey Miller

RESPONDING

Easter Affirmation (from I Corinthians 15:19-26)

Song – *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* (congregation sings v. 2-3) #354

Congregational Prayer

* Sending Song – *Thine Is the Glory* #355

Blessing

Choral Benediction – *The Risen Christ* (Joseph Funk)

Postlude – *Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing* (arr. David Cherwien)

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SALEM-ZION MENNONITE CHURCH

Musicians: Beth Kaufman, Rachel Miller, Hannah Miller, Sherilyn Ortman, Nathan Schrag

Chancel Choir: Sherilyn Ortman, accompanist; Beth Kaufman, flute

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

As we seek God's way, we move from the confidence of knowing how things are to the unsettling openness of realizing God's ways are beyond what we can imagine. Together we proclaim the timeless truth with Christians around the world: ***Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!***

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

Special thanks to Elise Waltner for coloring our bulletin cover today!

9:00-10:00 a.m. – Easter Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – Zoom Adult Sunday School

9:30-10:15 a.m. – Jr. Dept. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for adults

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

NEXT SUNDAY – April 24

Next Sunday we continue celebrating Easter Joy and the theme is “*Rejoicing in the Resurrection!*” The scriptures are Acts 5:27-32, Psalm 150, Revelation 1:4-8 and John 20:19-31. Prepare for joy in our time of worship.

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

Sunday, April 24 – Memorial Service for Sharon Schmidt at 2:00pm.

COMING EVENTS

May 1 – Our annual Baccalaureate Service will be held for the graduating seniors of Freeman Public and Freeman Academy at the Freeman Community Building at 4:00pm. The Freeman Ministerium is hosting this event and the service will be livestreamed as well through the Salem-Zion website.

May 27-30 – Special **MC USA** delegate sessions in Kansas City. Janette Epp and Janelle Ortman are our delegates from Salem-Zion.

June 6-10 – Bible School at Salem-Zion

June 16-19 – Central Plains Mennonite Conference at Freeman Academy.

The theme is: “*Come to the Table*” and if you are interested in attending as a delegate, talk to the deacons.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Johnny Graber passed away last Tuesday. His funeral service was held on Saturday at Salem-Zion.

- Charity Ortman had surgery on her jaw last Wednesday. After staying a night in the hospital, Charity returned home on Thursday where she is recovering with soft foods for a while.

- For the first time in over two years, the adult choir met for a few rehearsals and have graciously offered their gifts to us in our worship. Thank you Mavis, Sherilyn and choir for enhancing our worship.

- The deacons hosted a marvelous breakfast to celebrate Easter on Sunday morning. Thank you deacons for this gesture of generosity.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Mary Schmidt.

- the Graber family as they grieve Johnny Graber's death and find comfort from God's healing presence.

- Merton Schmidt and his family as they prepare for Sharon's memorial service.

- Charity as she recovers from her mouth surgery.

If you are interested in being a **delegate for the annual meeting of Central Plains Mennonite Conference** which will be held on June 16-19 in Freeman, please contact one of the Deacons.

A letter from the **Central Plains Mennonite Conference Stewardship Task Group** has been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Claiming Christ's Resurrection: “But what appeared to be a defeat was actually the greatest victory of all. In his death, Jesus defeated sin. On Easter morning, death too was defeated.” - Eugene H. Peterson, The Message of Easter

Praying our Mission: “As followers of Jesus Christ, our purpose is to live and share the good news of Christ's kingdom, welcoming all as we worship, study, fellowship, and serve others together.”

Zoom Adult Sunday School

<https://zoom.us/j/97667382194?pwd=NHNieHZ6a29ZMGpZSHJpczlibUxtdz09; Meeting ID: 976 6738 2194; Passcode: 523139>

Livestream link for Sunday morning worship

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX8KyFIZChK0Ef-rIBAaS3A>

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