



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

April 18, 2021

Easter Season Sunday

"To this, we are witnesses." – Acts 3:15b

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *We sing to you, O God* (based on Darwall's 148th) Lisa Kaufman

Welcome and Call to Worship (from Psalm 118) Janette Epp

L: The Lord is my strength and my might; the Lord has become my salvation!

P: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

L: This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes.

P: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

ALL: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Opening Prayer

Hymn – *Lift your glad voices* (HWB #275)

Chorister: Josh Hofer

PROCLAIMING

Celebrating our Mission with Freeman Academy

Children's Story

Diane Ellinger

Hearing the Scriptures

Acts 3:12-19, I John 3:1-7

Song – *Christ is alive* (SS #89)

* Hearing the Gospel

Luke 24:36-48

Sermon – "Encounters of the Human Kind"

Caley Ortman

RESPONDING

Hymn – *One is the body* (SJ #72)

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Corey Miller

The Lord's Prayer

Sending Song – *As You Go Out from Here* (Voices Together #841)

Benediction

Postlude

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

We continue celebrating Christ's victory over the powers of sin and death. Today, we are blessed to welcome Caley Ortman to the pulpit. Caley is serving as the youth pastor at First Mennonite Church of Reedley, California. He also serves as the Chaplain at Sierra View Retirement Community, and is one of the program directors at Camp Keola, a summer camp that serves the youth of Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference. We are so glad to have Caley home to worship with us and share from God's Word.

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

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. 21 (Wed) - Faith From the Heart (Zoom) led by Sheila Epp at 6:45pm

- Board of Education meeting at 7:30pm

NEXT SUNDAY – April 25

Next Sunday we continue rejoicing in Christ's resurrection from the dead.

The texts are Ruth 2:1-7 and Jerry Kroeker from Swan Lake Christian Camp will be preaching.

Offering next Sunday will be for **Wellspring Wholistic Care Center**.

COMING EVENTS

May 2 – Baccalaureate Service for Freeman Public and Freeman Academy students at 4:00pm

May 9 – Outdoor Mother's Day concert by Hesston College Bel Canto Singers at Salem-Zion at 4:00pm

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Ruby Waltner turned 90 years old yesterday! We celebrate Ruby's vibrant life and her steadfast faith.

- Anette Eisenbeis was released from Avera on Monday and is now recovering at Oakview Terrace.

- Laura and Patrick Hofer were able to come home from the hospital with their newborn son, **Simon Jay Hofer**. The rose bud on the organ celebrates Simon's new life. Thanks be to God! If you'd like to deliver a meal to the family, follow the link in last Wednesday's email (Caring and Sharing Meals) to sign up. Those not comfortable with computers can call Lisa for assistance.

Next weekend, Pastor Corey and Nancy will be taking some time off to enjoy

the virtual pastor leadership retreat sponsored by Central Plains Mennonite Conference.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Eva Goosen.
- the unrest, pain and frustration that is happening in Minneapolis these days because of the Derek Chauvin trial and the inexcusable death of 20-year-old unarmed black man, Daunte Wright. Our hearts ache for these families and communities that have lost loved ones because of violent actions from the police. Oh Lord, have mercy and bring your shalom peace upon this land!
- Sheila Epp's sister, Joni Duerksen, from Wahoo, NE, has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer. The family has two young children and ask for prayers as they await treatment options.
- At a time when politicians and citizens banter and bicker regarding immigrant children who find themselves coming to the United States as refugees because of abuse and trauma, let us remember Jesus who said, "*Let the little children come to me*" (Mt. 19:14). Jesus always offered a place of welcome for the most vulnerable and they didn't need to become "Americans" before he helped them. We will follow Jesus and his example above any earthly leader.
- our sister churches in Southeastern Iowa: Washington, Eicher, Wayland, Sugar Creek, Pleasant View, and Zion Mennonite Churches.

I would like to say a **very special word of thanks** to each of you that have been praying for me. I can't thank you enough for the overwhelming amount of cards, phone calls, love and support from this church. It was a great comfort to me and I am very grateful to have been in your thoughts. I am feeling very blessed. May God richly bless each one of you! - Tammy Benjamin

Holy Week Offerings: We praise God for the generous offerings that came from the four Mennonite Churches during Holy Week. \$1,816.86 was given and after expenses were taken out for our speaker, we were able to give \$558 to the Bienvenidos Ministry in Flandreau and \$558 to the Freeman Ministerium. Praise God for this outpouring of support!

Central Plains Mennonite Conference **Annual Meeting** will take place in a virtual format on June 19 for worship, delegate sessions and workshops. The theme for this year's gathering will be "Together in God's Space: The Church as a Reconciling Presence." The deacons encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity and become better acquainted with the work of the conference. Please contact one of the deacons if you are interested in this meeting.

We have decided to give **Bible School** a go this year! We are not going to open it up to the public so we can try to keep it a little smaller. We have scheduled

Bible School for the week of May 31, 9am-1pm. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks! Lacey Friesen, 605-595-7646, laceyjane83@gmail.com.

Please see the bulletin board in the narthex for **Deacon meeting minutes** from February.

The **trustees are accepting bids** for the following positions: custodian, housekeeper, and groundskeeper. For more information on the jobs or to turn your bid in please contact one of the trustees by April 25th. Andre Eisenbeis, Kyle Waltner, Jon Graber, or Jay Penner

Baccalaureate 2021: Our annual baccalaureate service will be held for the glory of God and in honor of the 2021 high school graduates of Freeman Public and Freeman Academy. It will be held at the Freeman Community Center located at 224 S. Wipf Street. Our service will start at **4pm on May 2nd**. The Freeman Ministerial hopes you will be able to join us for this important event in the lives of our graduates. The service will be posted on YouTube, as soon as possible, for those who will not be able to attend.

Hesston College Bel Canto Singers Concert: After a year of limited travel and performances, the Bel Canto Singers from Hesston College look forward to coming to South Dakota! Bel Canto will offer an outdoor concert on Sunday afternoon, **May 9, at 4 pm**. This concert could be held in the parking lot of the church. The choir will be traveling with all of their own sound and technical equipment, including the ability to listen on an FM radio station while in a vehicle. Those attending would be invited to bring lawn chairs/blankets or to stay in their cars.

Household Treasury Report 3rd Sunday of month Balance: \$10,300.90
We greatly appreciate your giving and generosity to keep our Salem-Zion community functioning! Thank you so much!

Community Connections

Spring Events at Freeman Academy: Find out more at FreemanAcademy.org
April 23 – Open House 2-4pm. Families welcome to drop in or request a tour.
May 22 – Graduation
May 27 – Last day of School
Now Open – Faith and Leadership Scholarship applications. Encourage your youth leaders to apply for this special opportunity and the 40% tuition discount.

Rural Revival will meet at 8:00 p.m. on April 26 in the Upper Meeting Room of the Et Cetera Shoppe in Freeman. All are welcome to attend.

Youth Ministry Opportunity: Would you know someone in the Mennonite community here or beyond that might be a candidate for the Resident Director position at Freeman Academy? The RD supervises daily life for 10-12 dorm students including cooking the evening meal, coordinating student activities, and communicating with parents. Salary plus benefits: health insurance, retirement, room and board. We appreciate your candidate recommendations. Contact Nathan Epp, Head of School, nepp@freemanacademy.org or 605-925-4237.

Seeking God's Peace:

“While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart.” - Francis of Assisi

Mennonite Church USA Virtual Delegate Assembly FAQ

When is the virtual delegate session scheduled?

The virtual delegate session is scheduled for July 10, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. EDT.

How do I register as a delegate?

Delegates will register for the convention as they have in the past. Delegates may register to attend the convention in person or virtually. As they register, they must indicate that they are a delegate.

<https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/>

What is the deadline for registration? July 1

Is there a cost to attend only the virtual delegate assembly?

Delegates need to register for MennoCon21, either to attend in person or online. Registration is \$325 to attend in person or \$99 to attend the virtual convention. Either option includes access to the virtual delegate session.

How will delegates access the virtual session?

Several days before the virtual session, all registered delegates will receive a Zoom meeting link. Be sure to download Zoom (<https://zoom.us/>) well before the session start time. Each delegate will need to log in to the meeting on their device (laptop, cell phone, tablet, etc.).

How will voting work in the virtual session?

Voting will be done via Zoom's polling feature, which is why each delegate needs to access the meeting on an individual device. Groups or couples CANNOT share a device. There is one vote per logged-in device.

How will delegates who are in Cincinnati participate in the virtual sessions?

Delegates who attend MennoCon21 in-person will still need to join on their own device. MC USA is working with the convention center to possibly provide a space for delegates to set up their device and join the session. Another option is to join from a coffee shop or hotel lobby.

When will the agenda and accompanying materials be available for delegates?

MC USA will distribute the agenda for the virtual sessions in early May. Leadership Discernment Committee nominations will also be distributed at that time. Bylaw revisions will be posted April 21.

When will the Membership Guidelines and other resolutions be discussed?

MC USA is looking at dates in 2022 to schedule an in-person delegate session to discuss additional resolutions. Please stay tuned for details.

How many delegates is my congregation allowed?

The bylaws of MC USA state:

- a. Each congregation of the Mennonite Church USA is eligible to send one (1) delegate for each one hundred (100) congregational members, or fraction thereof. Also, congregations may send an additional youth delegate (ages 16-21).
 - b. Each area conference of the Mennonite Church USA is eligible to send one (1) delegate for each one thousand (1,000) area conference members, or fraction thereof. Also, conferences may send an additional two youth delegates (ages 16-21).
 - c. Each Racial/Ethnic group which has been officially recognized by the Executive Board, may send three (3) delegates plus one (1) delegate for each one thousand (1,000) members of such recognized Racial/Ethnic group. Also, Racial/Ethnic groups may send an additional two youth delegates (ages 16-21).
 - d. Each member of the Executive Board is automatically a delegate.
- Contact **Shelley Buller** if you have any questions. Email: ShelleyB@MennoniteUSA.org 316-281-4257

Salem-Zion can have 2 adult delegates (in addition to Pastor Corey). We can also have a youth join in. If you are interested in this experience, please let Pastor Corey or the deacons know about it. Thank you so much!

Pastor Corey Miller

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