

CALLED TO WORSHIP

April 2, 2023
PALM SUNDAY

SALEM-ZION MENNONITE CHURCH



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GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude	Sheila Epp
Welcome	André Eisenbeis
Lighting the Peace Lamp	
Choral Call to Worship	
People: <i>You Are All We Have</i>	VT #701
Singers: This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad in it!	
Hosanna! We bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord.	
People: <i>You Are All We Have</i>	VT #701
Prayer of Invocation	
* Hymn – <i>Hosanna, Loud Hosanna</i>	VT #313
Special Music – <i>Jesus is Coming</i>	Children
* Greeting each other	
Children’s Story	Gwen Ortman
Offering – Household Treasury	
Offertory	

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the New Testament <i>Philippian Hymn</i> (Philippians 2:5-11)	insert
Confession	Psalms 31:9-16
Song – <i>Calm Me, Lord</i>	VT #680
* Gospel Reading	Matthew 21:1-11
Sermon – “Who is this?”	Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD

Musical Interlude – <i>You Are All We Have</i>	Sheila Epp
Sharing and Congregational Prayer	Corey Miller
* Sending Song – <i>Ride On, Ride On in Majesty</i>	VT #316
* Benediction	
Postlude	

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey with adoring people cheering him on. The whole city was in turmoil and asked collectively, “*Who is this man?*” As we begin this Holy Week, we too would do well to ponder who Jesus is to us. Welcome to our worship!

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

The photo on the bulletin cover was provided by Tim Waltner.

8:45am – Lenten Prayer Time in Fellowship Hall

9:30am – Sunday School for all ages

10:30am – Worship Service

2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

7:00pm – Holy Week Service at Bethany Mennonite

THIS WEEK

April 2-5 (Sun-Wed) – Holy Week services at Bethany Mennonite at 7:00pm

April 7 (Fri) – Good Friday service and communion at Salem-Zion at 7:00pm

April 8 (Sat) – Women’s book study at 9:30am

NEXT SUNDAY – Apr. 9

Next Sunday is Easter Sunday and the high point of the church year! The theme is “*Fully alive in Christ*” and the scriptures are Psalm 118, Colossians 3:1-4, Acts 10:34-43 and Matthew 28:1-10. Pastor Corey will be preaching and joyous music will be offered. Worship begins at 10:00am! Bring a friend.

Next week the offering is for **Central Plains Mennonite Conference**.

COMING EVENTS

April 9 – Easter Sunday breakfast and worship. Breakfast will be served from 8:30-9:30am and worship will be at 10:00am.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Ruby Waltner had successful hip replacement surgery on Tuesday and was able to return back to Tieszen Home where she will continue her recovery.

Remember to praise God for:

- the journey of this Lenten season and for all the insights, reflections, prayers, and practices that have drawn us closer to God and Jesus’ Reign on earth. We are grateful to be able to worship together many times during Holy Week, to keep us grounded in Jesus.

- the group that has been assembled to study scriptures together for the Anabaptist Study Bible project. Participants are: Polly Waltner, Ken and Mary Mannes, Elizabeth Janssen, André Eisenbeis, Marlan and Rose Kaufman and Pastor Corey.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Cody Schrag.
- Ruby Waltner as she continues her recovery from her surgery.
- the Nashville, Tennessee community as they grieve the deaths of 3 children and 3 staff members from the Covenant Christian School. Our hearts are heavy and angry with the reality of school shootings becoming so commonplace in our day and time. Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy.
- our Holy Week services this week, that they may help us enter into the suffering and redemption of Jesus’ life.
- the faculty, staff and students at Freeman Academy and Hillcrest Academy.

Holy Week Services at Bethany Mennonite Church: From April 2-5, our local Mennonite churches will once again have Holy Week services. This year, Bethany Mennonite is hosting and Dr. Nathan Hitchcock will be preaching. Dr. Hitchcock is owner of Sevensided Consulting, where he works with seminaries, denominations, and mission agencies to implement competency-based theological education. Salem-Zion and the Freeman House Church will share worship leading responsibilities on Monday night, April 3. All worship services begin at 7:00pm.

All those attending Easter worship at Salem-Zion are invited to come celebrate with a **fellowship breakfast**. Please attend yourselves and bring any guests. Just sign on the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex before April 3rd, so we have an idea of how many will be attending. We will be serving from 8:30 till 9:30 that morning.

March Mission Fund Gifts: CPMC - \$2,691.00; MC USA - \$815.00; MCC Meat Canning - \$500.00; MDS - \$4,099.00; MCC-Syria Relief - \$500.00; Bienvenidos - \$650.00.

The April church **newsletter** is available on the table in the narthex.

Please see the bulletin board in the narthex for a **thank-you card** from the Center for New Americans (Lutheran Social Services).

The SD MCC Relief Sale is seeking a **treasurer**. If you would be interested, please contact Barb Yoder for details about the job.

The March issue of the **Swan Lake Christian Camp newsletter** is available at <https://myslcc.com/about-us/newsletter/>.

Knowing God's Peace in Holy Week: *“These special holidays give rise to various liturgical calendars that suggest we should mark our days not only with the cycles of the moon and seasons, but also with occasions to tell our children the stories of our faith community's past so that this past will have a future, and so that our ancient way and its practices will be rediscovered and renewed every year.” - Brian D. McLaren*

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