



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

April 24, 2022

Resurrection Appearances: The Joy Continues

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *Prelude in G Major* (J.S. Bach) Dan Graber

Welcome Steve Graber

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship (from Psalm 150)

L: Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary;

P: Praise God in his mighty firmament!

L: Praise God for his mighty deeds and surpassing greatness

P: Praise God with trumpet sound; with lute and harp!

L: Praise God with tambourine and dance; with strings and pipe!

P: Praise God with loud clanging cymbals;

L: Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!

ALL: Praise the LORD!

Opening Prayer

* Hymn – *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* VT #88

Greeting one another “*The Peace of Christ Be With You.*” “*And also with you.*”

Children’s Story Diane Ellinger

Celebrating our Offerings – Wellspring Wholistic Care Center

Missional Moment from Swan Lake Christian Camp Kianne Gilles

PROCLAIMING

* Hearing the New Testament Acts 5:27-32, John 20:19-31

Sermon – “The Power of Christ’s Peace” Corey Miller

RESPONDING

Song – *We Walk by Faith* #588

Sharing and Congregational Prayer Gwen Ortman

* Sending Song – *Low in the Grave He Lay* #333

Blessing

Postlude – *Toccatina on Gaudeamus Pariter* (arr. James Biery)

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

In this Easter season, we continue to celebrate the Risen Christ in our midst. Today, we reflect with Thomas and other disciples who grapple with resurrection realities. We are so glad you are here to worship with us! **Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!**

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Wellspring Wholistic Care Center.**

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

Today – Memorial Service for Sharon Schmidt at 2:00pm

NEXT SUNDAY – May 1

Next Sunday we continue celebrating Easter Joy and the theme is “*Diving In!*” The scriptures are Acts 9:1-6, Psalm 300, Revelation 5:11-14 and John 21:1-19. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Next week the offering is for the **Household Treasury.**

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, Janelle Ortman and Tim Graber 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

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Helen Tieszen.
- the Merton Schmidt family as they remember Sharon’s life.
- the work of the Outreach and Service Committee of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. We ask for wisdom and courage as they lead by example and encouragement into new ways of thinking about and doing God’s just work in our ever-changing world.

Thank you for your sympathy cards and support for my family on the passing of my sister. Without such support, we would be lost. Thanks, from the Janssen Family.

Please see the bulletin board in the narthex for a **thank-you card** from Peg Kesteloot and the Kaufman family.

With the support of the deacons and the Pastor/Congregation Relations Committee, Pastor Corey continues to make plans for his **sabbatical** later this summer (July-September). A brochure has been created to spell out the rationale for this time away as well as what Pastor Corey hopes to accomplish during this time. The brochures will be in your church mailboxes this weekend. As always, if there are any questions, contact Pastor Corey, the deacons or the PCRC.

The **Junior Sunday School Department is looking for teachers** for Sunday School during the summer. Materials will be provided. The junior group tends to get small during the summer so it will be one group. The sign-up sheet is located in the narthex on the bulletin board. Please sign up for a slot or two! If we are not able to find teachers, we will have to cancel class. Thanks for helping us nurture our children! If you have more questions please contact Malynda at mrs.penner@hotmail.com or 605-929-7314 (call/text).

We are excited to announce that we will be having **DVBS** this summer! It will be held June 6-10 from 9am-1:15pm. Registration forms will be available at South and North Church. They will be due May 22. Our theme is Passport to Peace! Every day we will focus on a different country/continent. We are looking for some willing individuals to let us borrow some décor and/or pictures from Africa, North America, Asia, Europe and South/Central America. We are wondering if there would be a few individuals willing to share a personal story about peacemaking. We are also looking for the following supplies: Big world maps, globes, safety cones, empty milk jugs, 10 empty 2 liters, 4 boards that are 2inx6inx6ft, train decor, train puzzles, map puzzles, airplane decor. If you are willing to help out or have questions, please contact Lacey Friesen, Lynelle Hofer, Carmelle Miller or Libby Miller.

Are you missing your brothers and sisters from Central Plains? You'll get to see them soon! Come to Freeman, SD, June 16-19 for **Annual Meeting 2022**. Our worship theme will be *Come to the Table* and we will celebrate being together in-person after two years of virtual-only gatherings! Children, youth and adults welcome! For more information and to register visit www.centralplainsmc.org.

Claiming Christ's Resurrection: "The resurrection completes the inauguration of God's kingdom. . . It is the decisive event demonstrating that God's kingdom really has been launched on earth as it is in heaven. The message of Easter is that God's new world has been unveiled in Jesus Christ and that you're now invited to belong to it." – N.T. Wright

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."

Community Connections

The **Rural Revival** monthly meeting will be on April 25 at 8 pm in the Freeman Public Library, downtown Freeman.

An invitation from Jerry Juhnke, seeking those interested in sharing stories, pictures, videos, genealogical information and other research information related to the **Swiss Volhynian Mennonites**, has been posted on the bulletin board and was emailed with this week's bulletin.

The April edition of **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service at <https://conta.cc/3jXVYYw>. In our current issue: Learn how families can volunteer and serve together, read about MDS volunteers and how they've made long-term changes in Marianna, Florida, and find out about volunteers heading to British Columbia to assist wildfire survivors in British Columbia.

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-rlBAaS3A>

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More new books are on the shelves in the Narthex. Read their synopsis here and then enjoy your selection(s).

How to Have an Enemy; Righteous Anger and the Work of Peace

By Melissa Flores-Bixler

Jesus called us to love our enemies. But to befriend an enemy, we first **have** to acknowledge their existence, understand who they are, and recognize the ways they are acting in opposition to God's good news. Jesus named and confronted his enemies as an essential part to loving them. In this provocative book, Florer-Bixler calls us to do the same. (high school to adult)

The Drama of a Rural Community's Life Cycle

By S. Roy Kaufman

Rural communities depend on the health of the agrarian cultures that compose them. This is the story of the three Anabaptist agrarian cultures--Swiss German, Low German, and Hutarian of Freeman, South Dakota. This is the story of their birth, growth, maturation, and death (or rebirth). This is the drama of a rural community's life cycle! (Adult)

WomanPrayers : Prayers by Women from throughout History and Around the World

By Mary Ford-Grabowsky

This rich blend of prayers, poems, and sayings offers daily inspiration and delight. These treasures of women's wisdom are gathered here from such wide-ranging sources as Celtic blessings, Native American petitions, and Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Hindu, and Chinese prayers. The book explores self-discovery, mothering, inner strength, needs, work, gratefulness, spiritual darkness, mystical experience, and love. (adults)

Pet Show!

By Ezra Jack Keats

How can you enter a pet show when your pet runs away? That's the question Archie faces when he can't find his cat to enter in the neighborhood pet show. Fortunately, he does some fast thinking to win a prize. (early childhood)

Holy Troublemakers & Unconventional Saints

By Daneen Akers

"Holy Troublemakers & Unconventional Saints" is an illustrated children's book about people of diverse faiths working for more love and justice in their corners of the world, even when that means

rocking the religious boat. These are stories that inspire, educate, challenge, and encourage.

In particular, this book emphasizes the stories of women, LGBTQ, Black, Indigenous, and other people of color who are too often written out of religious narratives. These stories move us towards more love and a faith that works for the common good of us all. Non-fiction (ages 8 and up)

Breathe: A Child's Guide to Ascension, Pentecost, and the Growing Time

By Laura Alary (Author), Cathrin Peterslund (Illustrator)

"The day of Pentecost is coming. The church is changing color. The white and gold of Easter will soon burst into flaming red, then cool to green." So begins Breathe: A Child's Guide to Ascension, Pentecost, and the Growing Time. At the heart of Breathe lies a puzzle: How can Jesus go away, yet promise to be with us always?

Moving beyond long ago and far away events, Breathe invites children to wonder about and watch for the presence and work of the Spirit here and now and that whenever we choose the way of love, Jesus is there. Always. (elementary age)

Out of Many, One: Portraits of America's Immigrants

By George W. Bush

In this powerful new collection of oil paintings and stories, President George W. Bush spotlights the inspiring journeys of America's immigrants and the contributions they make to the life and prosperity of our nation. He captures their faces and stories in striking detail, bringing depth to our understanding of who immigrants are, the challenges they face on their paths to citizenship, and the lessons they can teach us about our country's character. (Youth to adult)

Inch by Inch

By Leo Lionni

This Caldecott Honor winning classic is about a brave and clever little worm. A small green inchworm is proud of his skill at measuring anything—a robin's tail, a flamingo's neck, a toucan's beak. Then one day a nightingale threatens to eat him if he cannot measure his song. Children will enjoy the clever inchworm's solution and delight in finding the tiny hero on every page. (Children)

Marlan Kaufman, Librarian

