



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

April 3, 2022

From Scarcity to Abundance

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude
Welcome

Sheila Epp
Jeremy Waltner

Preparing for Peace *And I Will Raise You Up*

Call to Worship

L: Together we seek the way of God,

P: who makes a way in the sea and provides rivers in the desert.

L: God fills our lives with love and beauty as sweet fragrance fills the air.

P: We live within the abundance of God,

L: so let us laugh and shout for joy

ALL: as we worship God together.

Opening Prayer

* Hymn – *Let Us Build A House*

VT #36

Children’s Story

Leo and Penny

Dedicating our Time/Talents

Celebrating our Offerings – Household Treasury

PROCLAIMING

Hearing the Scriptures-Isaiah 43:16-21 (p. 543), Philippians 3:4b-14 (p. 874)

Song – *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

#323

* Hearing the Gospel

John 12:1-8 (p. 801)

Sermon – “Generosity’s Aroma”

Corey Miller

Instrumental Response *And I Will Raise You Up*

RESPONDING

Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

* Sending Song – *Beyond a Dying Sun*

#416

Prayer and Blessing

Postlude

Musicians: Judy Graber, Kelsey Pidde

Scripture Readers: Kerry and Lori Hofer family

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SALEM-ZION MENNONITE CHURCH

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 fear that there is not enough...to the freedom of living within God's abundance. As we worship God together, may we experience God's generous love today. Welcome!

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

This morning's closing prayer offered by Jeremy and Stacey was written by Nadia Bolz-Weber, a Lutheran minister, three-time New York Times best-selling author and founder of the Denver church, House For All Sinners and Saints. Bolz-Weber is known for her authentic and raw reflection on scripture and the church and her outreach to those in the LGBTQ community and others who have been marginalized.

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

THIS AFTERNOON

All ladies are invited to a **bridal shower for Katie Magera**, fiancé of William Janssen, at 2:00 pm today, April 3. You may bring a gift for Katie or there will be a money basket and card available, if you prefer that option.

THIS WEEK

Apr. 5 (Tues) – Deacons meeting at 7:00pm

Apr. 6 (Wed) – Chancel choir rehearsal at 7:30pm

NEXT SUNDAY – April 10

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the theme is “*From Power Over to Power With.*” The scriptures are Isaiah 50:4-9, Psalm 31, Luke 19:28-40 and Philippians 2:5-11. Palm branches will be waving and Pastor Corey will be preaching.

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

COMING EVENTS

April 10-13 – Holy Week services held at Salem Mennonite Church at 7:00pm with Nathan Luitjens

April 15 – Good Friday service held at Salem-Zion at 7:30pm

April 17 – Easter Sunday worship with singing, choirs, proclaiming and rejoicing

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Sharon Schmidt fell last weekend and is in the Freeman Hospital with a brain bleed. She continues to receive comfort care by the caring staff at the hospital.
- Johnny Graber was released from Sanford in Sioux Falls and transferred to Oakview Terrace on Monday.
- Ruby Waltner was admitted to the Freeman Hospital on Sunday evening with some heart concerns.
- Quentin Kaufman (Mary Mannes' brother) passed away recently and his funeral service was held at Salem-Zion on Saturday, April 2nd at 2:00pm.
- JoAnn Kaufman (Peg Kesteloot's mother) passed away this week. JoAnn's funeral will be at Salem Mennonite on Monday.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: LaVonne Schrag.
- Sharon Schmidt, Johnny Graber, Ruby Waltner and others who are experiencing end of life moments and health needs. Oh Lord, hear our prayer.
- Mary and Peg in the loss of their brother and mother. Lord, speak comforting love to them both.
- God's Spirit to empower, equip and enable Salem-Zion participants to share in Christ's ministry in this place.
- Central Plains congregations that are in the midst of pastoral searches. Pray for search committees and for candidates looking for churches, that God may guide the search process according to God's will.

Time/Talents Sheets: We encourage everyone to prayerfully fill out your Time/Talents sheet. If you forgot yours, more are available in the foyer. We need every active participant at Salem-Zion to share their gifts as we strive to live out our mission statement. We dedicate these sheets for God's healing and hope in the world.

After many, many months, we are excited to announce that chancel choir will sing on Easter Sunday! **Anyone is welcome** and encouraged to join us. We will rehearse this week Wednesday, April 6, at 7:30. The second rehearsal during Holy Week is yet to be determined.

The trustees are taking bids for janitor, housecleaning, and grounds keeper/mowing. We would like bids to be in by April 15th.

March Offerings & Gifts: Household Treasury - \$4,325.00; Deacon Sharing Fund - \$500.00; CPMC - \$2,335.00; MDS - \$1,780.00; MC USA - \$1,320.00; Bienvenidos - \$361.00; MCC Meat Canning - \$520.00.

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

March Household Treasury Report – Income: \$4,325.00; Expenses: \$16,337.09; Balance: \$20,822.27.

Prayer for Doing: “Consider this remarkable fact: In the Sermon on the Mount, there is not a single word about what to believe, only words about what to do and how to be. By the time the Nicene Creed is written, only three centuries later, there is not a single word in it about what to do and how to be – only words about what to believe.”

- Robin R. Meyers, Saving God from Religion

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

Et Cetera Shoppe’s volunteer Board of Directors helps to oversee everything going on at the shop, and we couldn’t do it without them! Our current board consists of Brent Brockmueller, Gloria Dowden, Dolores Hernandez, Bekka Kramer, Paul Ortman, Shirley Ries, Jenny Tschetter, Carolyn Waltner, and **Nancy Miller (who was inadvertently omitted from this list in last week’s bulletin!)** Chris Eisenbeis serves as our financial manager. If you’re a volunteer OR a frequent customer, you probably have the insight needed to be a great Et Cetera Shoppe board member. Interested in helping the store in this way? Let Kris Carlson or Anita Eisenbeis know at 925-7098!

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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