



Easter Sunday

Salem-Zion
Mennonite Church

April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday Called to Deep Living “I have seen the Lord!” – John 20:18

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

- Prelude – *Dialogue of Praise* (Gilbert Martin) Ken Mannes
Choral Call to Worship – *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* (VT #354)
Rachel, Hannah, Corey Miller & Sheila Epp
Welcome and Call to Worship Steve Graber
Opening Prayer
* Opening Hymn – *Christ the Lord is risen today* (HWB #280, VT #346)
(vv.1,2,3,4) Choristers: Mannes family

HEARING GOD’S WORD

- Children’s Story Lillie Eisenbeis
Hearing the NT Scriptures Acts 10:34-43, I Corinthians 15:1-11
Easter Hymn – *Low in the grave he lay* (HWB #273, VT #333)
* Hearing the Gospel John 20:1-18
Sermon – “Jesus calls our name” Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL

- Special Music – *When I Survey* (recording of adult choir)
Affirmation of Faith
L: Deep calls to deep. We give thanks from the depths of our hearts!
P: Once weeping, now proclaiming: “I have seen the Lord!”
L: Once famished, now feasting: “This is the God for whom we have waited!”
P: Once divided, now convicted: “Jesus Christ is Lord of all!”
L: We shall not die but we shall live and keep telling the deeds of the Lord.
P: Deep calls to deep. You call us from the depth of your love, O God. You have come to us in Jesus Christ!
ALL: We answer your call to deep living!
Missional Moment – Household Treasury
Easter Prayer
* Sending Song – *Thine is the glory* (HWB #269, VT #355)
Benediction
Postlude – *We know that Christ is raised* (arr. David Cherwien)

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

With Mary, we testify, “We have seen the Lord!” A rich feast has been prepared for all peoples on the mountain of God. Like Mary, Jesus calls us each by name into abundant life. We are so glad that you are joining us in whatever way you can on this glad Easter morn! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed!!

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

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

Due to a lack of available teachers and the likelihood that many of us will be away to visit family or receiving family on Easter Sunday, **we will NOT be having Adult Sunday School on April 4th** (neither the ZOOM class nor the Fellowship Hall class). - Adult SS Superintendent

THIS WEEK

Apr. 7 (Wed) - Zoom Bible Study from Mark 16 – “*Christ is Risen!*” at 9am
- Faith From the Heart (Zoom) led by Pastor Corey at 6:45pm

NEXT SUNDAY – April 11

Next Sunday we continue celebrating Resurrection Joy with our friends at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. As a gift to the churches, the faculty and staff at AMBS have offered a worship service to us, which includes a message by former conference minister David Boshart. We look forward to celebrating this Easter season of joy next Sunday in this special way.

Offering next Sunday will be for *Central Plains Mennonite Conference*.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Tammy Benjamin received the good news that there was no cancer detected during her surgery. We praise God for this good news and continue to pray for Tammy’s recovery.
- Elmer Gross has been recovering well following his heart valve replacement and by-pass surgery last week. On Tuesday, he was transferred to the Freeman Hospital swing bed where he continues to gain strength.
- Rachel Miller Jacobs spoke at our Holy Week services and in case you missed it, they are all available to listen to on our website.
- The strong north winds blew over our church sign late on Sunday night. No vandals, no foul play, but just a persistent North wind. I guess Pastor Corey did pray for God to “breathe on us” in this past week. 😊

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Hilda Kaufman.
- Tammy and Elmer as they continue their recovery from surgery.
- Easter joy as we enter this new season of resurrection hope and power!
- the places of hurt and harm in our lives, that God’s Spirit can continue leading us to places of healing and hope.

Thank You: I want to publicly thank all the music leaders, singers, scripture readers, sound technicians, visual arts people, custodians, and our administrative assistant for helping to host our Holy Week services. I am so grateful for all the ways that you willingly shared your gifts to make these services possible. We have an incredible church! – Pastor Corey

March Household Treasury Report – Income: \$13,250.00; Expenses: \$13,453.86; Balance: \$3,210.95.

The **April newsletter** was sent as an attachment with this week’s e-mailed bulletin. Hard copies are available in the narthex, as well.

Community Connections

The world is longing to “return to normal”, and so is the **Et Cetera Shoppe!** But in order to do so, we would need more volunteers. Currently we are in need of clothing pricers (a weekly position), a shoe department person (totally flexible), and clerks up front (flexible shifts). If you’d like to join the fun and be part of our mission that impacts people both locally and globally, PLEASE call the shop at 925-7098 and talk to Kris or Anita to express your interest.

Thank you to everyone for the overwhelming support of our Schmeckfest Drive-Thru weekends. Without the generous donations from our local bakers and the volunteers at work days preparing baked goods and sausage, this event would not have taken place. We are so grateful to all of you! We appreciate all the shoppers who bought food and made additional monetary donations to Schmeckfest and Freeman Academy. Your support made this event a huge success! We hope you enjoyed our "taste of Schmeckfest" and anticipate a “back to normal” event in 2022! - Freeman Academy Auxiliary executive committee

MDS Pine Ridge Project: After the Covid work slowdown, we are now increasing our efforts to finish the binational Pine Ridge project. The home building work is completed, and now we are in the interior finishing phase of the volunteer center which the local Long Term Recovery Team asked MDS to build for the purpose of providing a place for future volunteer groups to be

housed and fed. Remaining tasks include some drywall hanging, interior painting, hanging prehung doors, base, window and door trim, floor epoxy coating, kitchen cabinet and mini-split A/C unit installation. If you are able to assist in this opportunity now or in the next few months, please contact our SD MDS coordinators LeRoy Pullman (605-660-1014) or Dennis Ries (605-925-7788) to arrange details.

Seeking God's Peace: "Resurrection doesn't put everything back the way it used to be; instead, it charts a new path forward, a path that bears the marks of the past but isn't bound by them. Jesus' followers are expecting a reset. What they get is a new reality!" -Rachel Miller Jacobs, professor at AMBS

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