



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

May 10, 2020
Joyous Disbelief

“While in their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering....” - Luke 24:41

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *Prelude* (Grieg) Austin Unruh

Welcome and Call to Worship (from Philippians 4) Corey Miller

L: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say Rejoice!

P: Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

L: Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving,

P: Let your requests be made known to God.

L: And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,

ALL: Will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Prayer of Invocation

PRAISING GOD

Hymn of Praise – *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee* HWB #71

Offering Prayer – Central Plains Mennonite Conference

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Old Testament Genesis 18:1-15

Special Music – *God of the Bible* (SJ #27)
Josie Epp, Rachel Miller, Austin Unruh

Hearing the Gospel Luke 24:36-49

Sermon – “Knowing God’s Joy” Pastor Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Song – *Jesus has done so much for me* (SS #95) Austin, Josie, Rachel

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Song – *Jesus, you have called us* SJ #70

Postlude – *Golliwog's Cakewalk* (Debussy)

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

We’ve always enjoyed good humor. It helps us not take ourselves so seriously, and it allows God’s joy-filled love to fill us and radiate from us. As we continue to celebrate Christ’s resurrection victory over sin and death, we remember this story with joy and thanksgiving. We might even smile. We are so glad you have tuned into our worship.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for Central Plains Mennonite Conference. Our conference ministers have been ZOOMing with Central Plains pastors every week since early March. They also continue to plan for our virtual conference later on in June, and of course, they remain committed to resourcing congregations in our calling and in our ministry. Thank you for giving to Central Plains Mennonite Conference.

THIS WEEK

Monday – Administrative Board meeting at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Tuesday – Pastor Corey Zoom meeting with the S-Z children at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY – May 17

Next Sunday the season of Easter continues. The theme is “*Disciples Sent Out*” and the texts are Mark 16:14-18 and Matthew 28:16-20. Mory Ortman will be sharing his gifts of music and Pastor Corey will be preaching at the live-streaming service.

Offering next Sunday will be for the **Student Tuition Sharing Fund.**

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- A prayer service was held at Walter’s Funeral Home on Monday for Leora Ortman. She was buried in the Salem-Zion cemetery following the service. We anticipate having a memorial service at Salem-Zion at some time in the future.

- On Tuesday, we were informed that Tim Limberhand died from complications with pneumonia. Tim stayed with LeRoy and Janette when he was a student at FA and he often came back to work on the farm with LeRoy. Tim was 49 years old. Pray for Tim’s wife Malinda, grandson and mother in this time of loss.

- Cole Graber finished his college classes this week and he would have graduated this Saturday from Dakota State University in Madison, but his graduation ceremony is postponed to October. Congratulations, Cole!

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Kris Waltner.
- Ross and Teri, and Karl Ortman as they grieve the loss of their mother Leora Ortman.
- the Board of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. We pray for wisdom and courage as they discern the best ways for Conference to continue supporting and encouraging and resourcing each local congregation for ministry.

Remember to thank God for:

- the internal and outward joy that Jesus' resurrection brings us.
- our mothers, who have literally birthed us into existence and who have nurtured, encouraged and loved us in countless ways.

When will we worship again at Salem-Zion?

With some social distancing restrictions lifting, many are wondering when we will be able to worship at Salem-Zion. The leadership at Salem-Zion will visit about this on Monday and prayerfully discern when and how we will move ahead in our congregational life together, without jeopardizing anyone's health.

The following people have graciously agreed to serve our church this year:

Lindy Graber as janitor
 The Kyle and Polly Waltner family providing groundskeeping
 Nancy Miller as housekeeper
 We would like to thank Phil Eisenbeis for his years of service in his role as housekeeper. - The Trustees

Central Plains Mennonite Conference has made the decision to cancel the in-person annual meeting. Alternative arrangements are being made to have a **condensed delegate session via Zoom** on June 20, 2020 to worship and engage in brief business actions virtually. Salem-Zion is allowed 6 delegates and one youth delegate. The deacons encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to become better acquainted with the leadership and work of the conference. (This can be done without traveling and in the comfort of your home or office.) Please contact one of the deacons, Janette Epp, Beth Epp, David Janssen, Steve Graber or Stacey Waltner if you are willing to participate in this meeting.

During this time of sheltering and limiting contacts because of COVID-19 the **deacons have set up a call person to take small orders** and miscellaneous items to those who request them from Freeman and Marion businesses. David

Janssen is the contact person if you are in need of something. Please contact any of the deacons if there are other ways we can assist you. Besides David Janssen the deacons are Steve Graber, Beth Epp, Stacey Waltner, and Janette Epp.

Office Hours for staff during this season

Because of the continued call for social distancing and staying at home, Lisa and Corey will not be keeping their normal office hours in the COVID-19 era. If you want to visit with Corey or Lisa, call their cell phone or send an email and they will get back with you.

Community Connections

From **Swan Lake Christian Camp**: We have had a number of people calling and asking, "Are you still having camp?" The answer is a resounding "yes". We have made some changes to our schedule, however. An email will be going out to those who have attended camp in the past, but here are some updates: We have moved the 4th grade camp originally scheduled for June 9-12 to be combined with either the 3rd grade camp or the fifth grade camp. The 5th grade camp has been moved back one week. So 4th graders have a choice as to whether to go to the 3-day camp or the 6-day camp. Here is what the schedule looks like:

4th and 5th grade camp June 21-26: Cost \$260

3rd and 4th grade camp June 28-30: Cost \$130

All other camps will operate as normal. Our goal throughout will be as always to provide a safe environment for the kids to encounter Christ. Please check the camp website for additional information.

Due to the fact that the SD MCC Relief Sale has been canceled for 2020, here is an **UPDATE** from the relief sale board:

- **My Coins Count** will still take place this year so keep saving those coins! Watch for details as to how and when they will be collected. Please note that there will be a special gift from MCC for participating children.
- **NEW THIS YEAR:** approximately 6 items will be offered for auction by sealed bidding. Bidding forms with pictures and details of the items will be available in your church, website and local Freeman Courier newspaper in June. Your one bid on an item will be your only bid on that item – no raising bids.
- A **special offering** for MCC will be received on July 12 (if we are having services by then, if not other arrangements will be made) to support the work of MCC. **Blessing bid project opportunities** will

be available in your bulletin or mailbox so that you can contribute, through this offering, as you have in the past.

- The relief sale plans to return next year on July 10.

Many relief sales have had to cancel this year and thrift shops have been closed for an extended time period. This is a serious revenue loss for MCC so we ask that you please consider how you might give so MCC programs can continue to be funded. Thank you. - SD MCC Relief Sale Board

Crisis agencies and our shelters in our state need **face masks** for their staff and residents. These services are essential services. Please help make masks. Here's a link to a mask pattern that a nonprofit in Spearfish is developing in consultation with Monument Health to stock their hospitals: <http://makespacesd.org/N95FilterCoverTutorialv2-1.pdf>

There may be other patterns as well. Please make masks and we can let you know where to send them. Contact Krista at krista@sdnafvsa.com for more information. Additionally, if you have questions about how to make a mask or are in need of supplies, Charity Ortman is serving as a contact person on behalf of Salem-Zion's Outreach & Service Committee and Mennonite Women.

God's peace dwelling in us:

How different the peace of God from that of the world! It calms the passions, preserves the purity of the conscience, is inseparable from righteousness, unites us to God and strengthens us against temptations. The peace of the soul consists in an absolute resignation to the will of God.

- Francois Fenelon

Pastor Corey Miller

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