



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

May 17, 2020

## Disciples Sent Out

*“Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.”* - Mark 16:15

### GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – Variations on *Fairest Lord Jesus* (arr. Craig Courtney) Mory Ortman

Welcome and Call to Worship Charity Ortman

L: I watch this morning for the light that the darkness has not overcome.

**P: I watch for the fire that was in the beginning and that burns still in the brilliance of the rising sun.**

L: I watch for the glow of life that gleams in the growing earth and glistens in the sea and sky.

**P: I watch for your light, O God, in the eyes of every living creature and in the ever-living flame of my own soul.**

L: If the grace of seeing were mine this day, I would glimpse you in all that lives.

**ALL: Grant me the grace of seeing this day.**

**Grant me the grace of seeing. AMEN.**

Prayer of Invocation

### PRAISING GOD

Hymn of Praise – *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* HWB #37

Charity Ortman, Judy Graber, Mory Ortman

Offering Prayer – Student Tuition Sharing Fund

Recognizing our Graduating High School Seniors Pastor Corey Miller

Ashlyn Benjamin

Josie Epp

### HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Gospel Mark 16:14-18

Special Music – *My Jesus, I Love Thee* (arr. Dan Forrest) Mory Ortman

Hearing the Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon – “Good News for All” Pastor Corey Miller

### RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Song – *I never saw a Moor* (text by Emily Dickinson) Richard Pearson Thomas

Congregational Prayer

Sending Song – *Lord, you give the great commission* SJ #63

Benediction

Postlude – *Allegro* (J.S. Bach) Mory Ortman

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

After showing himself to his disciples, Jesus commissioned them to “make disciples” and share the “Good News” with the world. Today we reflect on how we also are commissioned to make disciples of Jesus in the times we are in. We are so glad you have tuned into our worship.

**The offering that we are celebrating today is for our Student Tuition Sharing Fund.** This fund assists families in our congregation with tuition to Freeman Academy and Mennonite colleges. Thank you for your support.

### THIS WEEK

**Tuesday** – Pastor Corey ZOOM meeting with the younger SZ children at 7:00pm (pre K – 4<sup>th</sup> grade)

Pastor Corey ZOOM meeting with the older SZ children at 7:30pm (5<sup>th</sup> grade – 8<sup>th</sup> grade)

### NEXT SUNDAY – May 24

Next Sunday is Ascension Sunday. The theme is “*Lifted Up*” and the texts are Acts 1:1-11, Ps. 47, Eph. 1:15-23, Lk. 24:50-53 and Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Offering next Sunday will be for **Mennonite Central Committee.**

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### Happenings over the past week:

- Yesterday, Ashlyn Benjamin graduated from Freeman Public High School and Josie Epp graduated from Freeman Academy. Congratulations Ashlyn and Josie. We celebrate with you in this great accomplishment.

- Rachel Miller finished her semester at Hesston College and will be graduating virtually next weekend.

- Gwen Ortman recently finished teaching her last class at Freeman Academy this past week and is retiring. While Gwen didn’t get the kind of send-off that is appropriate for someone who dedicated so many years to teaching, we do celebrate with her in her calling and in her new chapter of “retirement.” Congratulations Gwen!

### Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Cody Schrag.

- your Conference Ministers, Nathan Luitjens, Susan Janzen, and Amanda Bleichy as they work with the conference committees to support, resource, and encourage congregations for local ministry.

- Everyone has been traumatized in some way or another from the coronavirus, so pray for those who have been especially burdened in the past two months. Mental health will be a big thing in the next several months.

**Remember to thank God for:**

- Ashlyn and Josie as they graduate high school and anticipate their next steps in life.
- the faithful giving that has continued to support our ministries at Salem-Zion.
- the many people who are tuning in to hear our services and worship together.

On May 11 the **Administrative Board** met via Zoom. One of the items we discussed was how and when we could meet again in person as a congregation. At this point we have no specific date planned for reentry. We want you to know we long for our church to meet again as a body but only when it is safe to do so. In the meantime please continue to pray for our congregation and its leadership. - Mark Ortman, moderator

There is still time to sign-up for the **condensed delegate session via Zoom** for Central Plains Mennonite Conference. This will take place on Saturday, **June 20**, from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. The deacons encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to become better acquainted with the leadership and work of the conference. Please contact one of the deacons, Janette Epp, Beth Epp, Steve Graber, David Janssen or Stacey Waltner by **May 24th** if you are willing to participate in this meeting.

**Survey regarding our Live-Streaming services:** After a good conversation regarding our live-streaming services at our recent Ad Board meeting, it was suggested that we take a survey to see how the congregation is feeling about these services, as well as offer their thoughts about when we might “reopen” public worship times. The worship committee has put together a survey that will be emailed out to everyone. Please fill it out and return it to the church email address by **May 31**. Lisa will mail the survey out to those who do not have email and there will be a box in the foyer for your responses. Together, we are Christ’s church and together we will discern our way forward.

Next Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, **Delmar and Maxine will be celebrating their 68<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary**. Cards would be welcome and can be sent to Delmar’s address: 407 E State Street, Marion, SD 57043.

**Household Treasury Report 3rd Sunday of month** - Balance: \$9,061.67  
The household treasury pays for salaries, electric/heating bills, Sunday school

materials, The Mennonite and Upper Room, taxes, insurance, etc. The average monthly expenses for the Household Treasury are around \$15,000. We greatly appreciate your giving and generosity towards these needs to keep our Salem-Zion community functioning! Thank you so much!

**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.

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### Community Connections

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**MCC has several upcoming opportunities for webinars:**

- Tuesday, May 19 at 2 p.m. EST: **“Asylum” free immigration webinar**. In the continuing six-part webinar series on immigration and border realities, MCC staff and partners from around the country will provide current information and educational tools to understand asylum. In recent years thousands of people have fled persecution and arrived to the U.S. to apply for asylum. Asylum seekers must navigate a difficult and complex process that can involve multiple government agencies. More information and registration, along with recordings of past webinars, at [mcc.org/immigration-webinar-series](http://mcc.org/immigration-webinar-series).

- Wednesday, May 20 at noon EST: **“From hearts to hands: Material Resources” free Facebook live webinar**. Featuring stories from MCC staff around the world about how resources like comforters, kits and canned meat make a difference. Join us on MCC’s Facebook page ([facebook.com/MCCpeace](https://facebook.com/MCCpeace)) for a livestream where we’ll hear directly from MCC workers in Ukraine, Jordan and Canada.

**God’s peace dwelling in us:** *If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.* - Mother Teresa

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