



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

May 8, 2022

*The Shepherd Hears My Voice*

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* (arr. Dan Forrest) Mavis Ortman

Welcome Janette Epp

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship (Psalm 23) VT #725

Opening Prayer

\* Hymn – *The Lord’s My Shepherd* #660

Greeting one another “Peace be with you.” “And also with you.”

Children’s Story Lillie Eisenbeis

Celebrating our Offerings – Central Plains Mennonite Conference

## PROCLAIMING

Hearing the New Testament Acts 9:36-43, Revelation 7:9-17

Song – *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* #126

\* Hearing the Gospel John 10:14-18, 22-30

Sermon – “The shepherd’s voice” Corey Miller

## RESPONDING

Song – *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us* #518

Prayers for Christ’s Church Children

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

\* Sending Song – *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* #840

Blessing

Postlude

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

The strong and enduring image of the Shepherd invites our reflections and response this morning. How do we listen to God’s voice in the midst of all the voices clamoring for attention these days? As we worship God together, may we hear the voice of the Gentle Shepherd leading us. Welcome to our time of worship!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Central Plains Mennonite Conference**.

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 WEEK

**May 9** (Mon) – Administrative Board meeting at 7:30pm

**May 13-15** (Fri-Sun) – Corey and Nancy will be traveling to Kansas for Rachel’s graduation from Bethel College.

### NEXT SUNDAY – May 15

Next Sunday Pastor Jack Scandrett will be preaching. The offering will be for the **Student Tuition Sharing Fund**.

### COMING EVENTS

**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

### **Happenings over the past week:**

- Austin Unruh had foot surgery on Monday and is recovering well these days.

- Recently, Rachel Miller was accepted into the Mennonite Voluntary Service program and she will be placed with the San Francisco, CA unit serving with Homeless Prenatal Program. This one-year commitment will begin in early September and we look forward to supporting Rachel in this time of service and learning. A letter from MVS is on the bulletin board.

**Remember to pray for:**

- those who cannot be here today: Cody Schrag.
- our college students and high school students that are winding down another school year. Pray for good endings for our students, the faculty and staff, and the parents in this special time of the year.
- miracles of the seeds as they are lovingly placed in the soil these days. May we all marvel at the mystery and wonder of how the seed dies, so that it can produce a harvest. As we pray for the farmers and as we bless the seeds these days, may we also yield a harvest for God's healing purposes in the world.
- Tim Graber, Janette Epp and Janelle Ortman as they listen to our affirmations and concerns regarding the upcoming resolutions in Kansas City later this month. Please consider reading two very well-written articles that speak to the differing opinions regarding the resolutions. In the May 6, 2022 edition of the *Anabaptist World*, you'll find the articles on pages 8-11. Read them and continue the conversation with gracious love.
- the work of the Pastoral Leadership Committee of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. We pray for wisdom and courage as they develop and walk alongside both new and experienced pastoral leaders.

**Today: Happy Mother's and Mothering Presence Day!** We celebrate our mothers today and we thank God for all the ways that these dear people have touched our lives, cared for us, nurtured us, and loved us through many seasons. Thank you mothers, and all women who have nourished us in our faith journey. You are God's beloved and we appreciate you very much!

As a church, let's show Austin & Lindsey Unruh our love and support by supplying some **meals** for them. To arrange a time to take a meal, contact Lindsey at 605-421-0689. If she can't answer her phone right away, please leave a message. Thank you!

MC USA Special Session of the Delegate Assembly will be held May 27-30 in Kansas City. Tim Graber, Janelle Ortman and Janette Epp are our delegates from Salem-Zion. Many of you attended the information meeting we had with Sharon Waltner on March 27. As delegates we want to continue to give opportunity to the congregation to become better informed about the different resolutions to be voted on, in particular the role of the Membership Guidelines of MC USA. If you have comments or questions you are encouraged to visit with one of the delegates (in-person, phone or email). In addition we have set up a resource table in the narthex with information and a response sheet for your comments. **Tim, Janelle and Janette will also be available after church in the fellowship hall on May 15 and 22** to visit with you about the resolutions.

To celebrate the upcoming wedding of Kelly Hollifield to Gabriel Eisenbeis we'd like to have a **card shower**. Either bring your own card or sign the one in the narthex. If you wish to contribute to a monetary love gift, please give those to Elizabeth Janssen. We'll collect cards and gifts through Sunday, May 22.

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](mailto: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, 10 empty 2 liters, 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.

The **MCUSA Special Delegate Assembly** is coming up at the end of May. If you haven't done so yet, please complete registration before the deadline of May 16. Resources to prepare for the resolutions remain on the CPMC webpage. On behalf of the Faith, Life, and Procedures Team, we send gratitude and thanks to the many conference members who have prayerfully discerned and processed the upcoming resolutions. May God's Spirit move among our delegates in Kansas City.

- Sharon Waltner  
Chair, Faith, Life & Procedures Taskgroup

**Young people between ages 15 and 20:** Are you interested in what is going on in the church beyond your congregation? Did you know that youth are invited to participate in Central Plains Mennonite Conference's Annual Meeting delegate sessions? Consider coming to Freeman, SD June 16-19 to participate in worship, business and workshops. Ask your pastor or council chair about this opportunity!

**April Mission Offerings & Gifts:** Wellspring - \$1,212.00; FA - \$1,615.00; MDS - \$240.00; MCC - \$100.00; CPMC - \$1,396.00; MC USA - \$40.00.

**Minutes** from the March deacon meeting have been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

The Annual Meeting for the Central Plains Mennonite Conference will be held in Freeman, starting Thursday, June 16 through Sunday, June 19. Some conference attendees prefer to stay in family homes, and we are putting together a list of potential hosts from the local congregations for in-home lodging during the conference. **If you are able to provide in-home lodging for CPMC Annual Meeting participants**, please contact Brent Brockmueller at [brentbrockmueller@gmail.com](mailto:brentbrockmueller@gmail.com).

**God's Peace in loving our neighbors:** "The hardest spiritual work in the world is to love the neighbor as the self - to encounter another human being not as someone you can use, change, fix, help, save, enroll, convince or control, but simply as someone who can spring you from the prison of yourself, if you will allow it." - Barbara Brown Taylor

**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 Freeman Academy Music Department will present their **Spring Concert** Thursday, May 12, at 7:30 p.m. in Pioneer Hall. A variety of music will be performed by the High School Choir, the Chamber Choir, and the Concert Band (grades 7-12). Choirs are under the direction of Amy Hofer Vetch and Concert Band is under the direction of Donna Ries. All are welcome to attend.

Freeman Academy representatives invite you to a **town hall meeting** on Tuesday, May 17 in the Dining Hall immediately after the Pep Band Concert/Academic Awards program. This will be a follow-up town hall about our Schmeckfest Task Force that is exploring Schmeckfest possibilities for the post-Covid era. Task Force members, board and FA staff will be present for this discussion.

Freeman Academy is accepting applications for the **Faith and Leadership Scholarship for new students in grades 9-12**. Recipients receive 40% off tuition, attend summer leadership camp, and follow a yearly leadership

program. Summer camp options include MCUSA conferences or an approved regional or national program. Applicants must be new students with a minimum 3.5 GPA who wish to develop their leadership skills through contributions to the school. An interview and short essay are required. The scholarship renews each year as recipients complete the academic and leadership requirements. Deadline July 15. Details at [FreemanAcademy.org/scholarships/](http://FreemanAcademy.org/scholarships/). Contact Lynnelle Allison, Enrollment Director, for more information.

#### 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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