



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

May 9, 2021  
Celebrating Mothers

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *Foundation* (arr. Held) Ruby Waltner  
 Choral Call to Worship - "Rise and Shine" Preschool-3rd grade video  
 Welcome and Call to Worship Tim Graber  
 L: And Jesus said, "Come!"  
**P: To all mothers and all children: he said, "Come!"**  
 L: To the motherless and the childless: he said, "Come!"  
**P: To all who long to be mothered: he said, "Come!"**  
 L: Come unto me all ye who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.  
**P: Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,**  
 L: for I am gentle and humble of heart and you will find rest for your souls." (Carol Penner)

Opening Prayer  
 Hymn – *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee* (HWB #71) Chorister: Josh Hofer

## PROCLAIMING

Celebrating our Mission with Central Plains Mennonite Conference  
 Children’s Story Lynelle Hofer  
 Hearing the Scriptures Proverbs 31:10-30  
 Songs from Children - "The B-I-B-L-E"  
 "My God is so BIG"  
 "Deep and Wide" Preschool-3rd grade video  
 \* Hearing the Gospel Matthew 12:46-50  
 Sermon – “Blessed by Nurturers” Corey Miller

## RESPONDING

Testimony of a Mother’s Prayer Ardis Jantzen  
 Song - "Jesus Loves Me" Preschool - 8th grade video  
 \*The congregation is invited to hum along as the children sing  
 Sharing and Congregational Prayer  
 Sending Song – *God of our life* (HWB #486)  
 Benediction  
*May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless us:*  
*May God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless us:*  
*May God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless us.*  
*May almighty God bless us, now and for ever. Amen.*  
 Postlude – *Foundation* (arr. Moyer)

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

We celebrate our mothers today and we thank God for them in our time of worship. For all who have nurtured us, we praise God. In this special worship time, may our hearts be filled with gratitude for all the people who have loved us into who we are. We are so glad that you are here.

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

9:00 a.m. – Zoom Adult Sunday School  
 9:30 a.m. – Adult Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall  
 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

**TODAY** - Outdoor choir concert by Hesston College Bel Canto Singers at Salem-Zion at 4:00pm. Bring lawn chairs/blankets to sit outside, or you’ll be able to tune in on your radio in your cars.

### THIS WEEK

**May 10 (Mon)** – Administrative Board meeting at 7:30pm  
**May 12 (Wed)** – Deacon Meeting at 7:30pm

### NEXT SUNDAY – May 16

Next Sunday we celebrate Ascension Sunday. The texts are Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47, Ephesians 1:15-23 and Luke 24:44-53. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

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

### COMING EVENTS

**May 23** – Pentecost and Baptism Services at Salem-Zion Mennonite

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### Happenings over the past week:

- Johnny Graber was admitted to the Sanford hospital on Monday and has spent the week there trying to regain strength.

### Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Rita Graber.  
 - Johnny Graber in his recent hospitalizations. Pray for courage, wisdom and faith in the journey.  
 - our mothers who have nurtured us and loved us in all the seasons of our lives.

- those who are longing to be mothers but cannot for one reason or another. Pray that God's grace will rest upon them in their specific situation.
- those who need God's healing touch in their relationship with their mother. May God's healing hope flow through each of us as God reconciles the world through Christ.
- 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.

**Hired church positions** have been filled for the year: Lindy Graber as Maintenance, Nancy Miller as Housekeeper, Lacey Friesen as Treasurer, and Will & Sherilyn Ortman Family as Groundskeeper.

We are less than one month away from our combined **North and South Church Daily Vacation Bible School 2021!** We're grateful to be able to HAVE Bible School after the year we've all come through. At the time this announcement was submitted, we had just a few positions left to fill. Would you consider helping? We are still seeking a teacher for a 2nd/3rd grade classroom (likely just four or five students), a helper for our crafts area, a helper for the preschool room, and some rec time leaders/supervisors. Bible School will run from 9 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. on May 31 through June 4, so this is a relatively short time commitment that will leave most of your day free for other things. Please contact Lacey Friesen or Lynelle Yoder Hofer at North Church, or Kris Carlson or Libby Miller at South Church - SOON - to express your willingness to be part of the fun!

In celebration of the upcoming wedding of **Vanessa Hofer and Hans Weaver**, we would like to have a money-card shower for the couple. Vanessa and Hans are getting married June 5 in New Holland, PA and will have a Freeman reception later in the summer. You may give your money gift to Kelsey Pidge by putting it in an envelope in her mailbox at church or sending it to her mailing address (PO Box 102, Freeman SD 57029). There will be a card by the Mennonite Women bulletin board for you to sign, or Kelsey can sign your name.

**April Household Treasury Report** – Income: \$13,768.00; Expenses: \$16,726.26; Balance: \$16,352.52.

**Graduation for Graduate Students:** We celebrate with Karina Ortman and Hannah Miller in their recent graduate work.

I graduated from USD with my Doctor of Medicine degree yesterday. My next step will be moving to Wichita, KS, for a four year Obstetrics and Gynecology residency at KU beginning this July. I am so grateful for the kind words and support I have received from the congregation over the last few years, and I am looking forward to this new adventure.

All the best,  
Karina

This weekend I graduated with my Masters in Social Work from an accelerated track one-year program with USD. Next steps for me are unknown at this time, although I plan to move to Sioux Falls this summer. It has been such a blessing to have received such positive thoughts and prayers from everyone from afar and in conversation at church throughout this year. COVID-19 has certainly enhanced feelings of isolation and weariness, so the support has been very appreciated.

Thanks,  
Hannah

**Seeking God's Peace:** "The Proverbs 31 woman is a star not because of what she does but how she does it—with valor. So do your thing. If it's refurbishing old furniture—do it with valor. If it's keeping up with your two-year-old—do it with valor. If it's fighting against human trafficking . . . leading a company . . . or getting other people to do your work for you—do it with valor. Take risks. Work hard. Make mistakes. Get up the next morning. And surround yourself with people who will cheer you on." - Rachel Held Evans, *A Year of Biblical Womanhood*

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