



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

June 14, 2020

“The Spirit Outpoured in Witness”

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

- Prelude Austin Unruh
- Choral Call to Worship – *Spirit working in creation* Trio
- Welcome and Call to Worship Andre Eisenbeis
 - L: The Spirit descends like a dove, bringing peace to unite the world in a just and caring community.
 - P: The Spirit comes like a breath, bringing life to renew the people of God.**
 - L: The Spirit spreads like fire, bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.
 - P: Spirit of the living God, come to us and transform our lives by your power.**
- ALL: Come Breath of God, blow among us, in us, and through us, as we bear witness in Jesus’ name!*
- Opening Prayer
- Congregational Song – *Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing* HWB #110
- Offering our gifts – Central Plains Mennonite Conference
- Offertory prayer

HEARING GOD’S WORD

- Hearing the New Testament Scripture Acts 6:8-15
- Special Music – *Any Road, Any Cost*
- Hearing the New Testament Acts 7:51-60
- Sermon – “A Caring Bold Witness” Pastor Corey Miller

SENDING TO SERVE

- Song of Response – *Stephen Hymn* Ensemble
- Congregational Prayer
- Sending Song – *Jesus Christ is waiting* SJ #30
- Benediction
- Postlude

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

Because of the Holy Spirit’s presence, the early church witnessed boldly in word and deed in the name of Jesus. Today we remember the faithful witness of Stephen in how he served, lived and died. In this time of worship, may the Spirit equip us as faithful witnesses to Christ’s calling. Welcome to our worship!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Central Plains Mennonite Conference**. CPMC is a vibrant conference of Mennonite Church USA made up of 47 diverse congregations spanning 8 states and more than 1,000 miles from corner to corner. With a new staff, CPMC is just beginning to chart their course in this unusual and opportunistic time for the church.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday – ZOOM Devotional at 10:00am (Philippians 4:4-8). The ZOOM link is the same every week.

Saturday – Central Plains Mennonite Conference delegate sessions via ZOOM: 9:30am- 12:00pm. Salem-Zion delegates for CPMC are as follows: Pastor Corey, David Janssen, Steve Graber, John Epp, Marlan Kaufman, Janelle Ortman and Janette Epp.

NEXT SUNDAY – June 21

Next Sunday all churches in Central Plains Mennonite Conference are encouraged to worship together with the resources that have been provided. The theme is “*Seek the Peace*”, the scripture text is Jeremiah 29, and Pastor Nathan Luitjens will be preaching. As we normally do at conference, we will also have communion, so we encourage you to gather some bread and juice for communion in your homes.

Offering next Sunday will be for the **Service and Mission Fund**.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- We launched our ZOOM Bible Study last Wednesday and enjoyed reflecting on Ecclesiastes 3 and John 15.
- The trustees and some volunteers began work in the kitchen in making an adjustment to the serving window.
- The trustees and several willing helpers participated in the annual “*clean the roof*” ritual at the church. Thank you trustees for keeping our facility in great shape!

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Hilda Kaufman.
- the Board of Ed as they launch their June adult SS series.
- wisdom, flexibility, patience and grace as we begin preparing for gathering in worship again.
- institutions, communities and states as we grapple with racial injustice. Give us visions and dreams.
- those who feel traumatized because of their fathers. We pray for healing in Jesus' name.
- the delegates, guests and presenters at our Virtual Annual Meeting this weekend. May these virtual gatherings be fruitful and inspiring in these strange and unprecedented times.

Remember to thank God for:

- long days of sunlight in June, refreshing rain, and the songs of birds that proclaim the glory of God!
- words, prayers and actions of peace and racial harmony.
- the gift of our fathers and for all the ways they have nurtured and loved us.

We will be holding an **Adult Sunday School Zoom class** on June 14, 21, and 28 at 9:30 a.m. for 45 minutes via the church Zoom account. You will receive the Zoom link at the same time you receive the worship service streaming information on Saturdays. We will be using the Uniform series summer quarterlies which are now available at the church.

Please note the e-mail attachment sent with today's bulletin from our Central Plains Conference Ministers. Resources on anti-racism, including a collection of laments and prayers, have been posted on the CPMC website: www.centralplainsmc.org/anti-racism-resources.

Office Hours update for staff: Pastor Corey has been returning to his office more regularly. He will be in his office Tuesday-Friday mornings. If you would like to visit with Corey either in the morning or in the afternoon, give him a call. He will be glad to see you and visit with you at a safe distance. Lisa will remain available by e-mail and phone throughout the week.

We received a **thank-you card** in the mail from Nakita Maddox and Cornerstones Staff: "Salem-Zion Church, Thank you so much for your donation and support of our English language classes! We have been teaching our classes virtually over the past 2 months, and are excited to return to class when it is practical. Thank you for your kindness and generosity."

The music committee is asking for **volunteers to provide special music**, either vocal or instrumental, for our summer worship services. Please contact Mavis at 925-4693 or email mmortman61@gmail.com, if someone in your family would be willing to share their musical gifts with the congregation. We would like a response soon so that we can set up a schedule that is convenient for you. If there aren't any volunteers, we will be making telephone calls. Consider this request as a service that you can provide for our church family.

The process of **selecting Assistant Sunday School Superintendents** is underway. Ballots were e-mailed on May 21 (hard copies also available in the narthex) and can be returned to salemzion@gwtc.net or placed in the ballot box in the narthex by **June 15**. If you did not receive a ballot electronically, please be in touch with the church office. Members of our selection committee are Clara Graber, Sheila Epp, and Tim Graber.

There have been recent issues with **e-mails sent from the church** ending up in spam folders or not reaching their destination for an undetermined reason. Golden West Telecommunications suggests that people add the church e-mail to their list of contacts if they have not already done so. Please contact the church office if these issues persist.

We've all enjoyed **kettle korn** at the MCC Relief Sale and you can purchase it again this year on June 16 from 3-7pm on the vacant corner lot north of Merchants State Bank in Freeman. A portion of the total proceeds will be designated to Mennonite Central Committee.

Masks have been donated through Krista Graber to South Dakota social service agencies that work around domestic violence, human trafficking, child safety, as well as other organizations and individuals. Donations of reusable face-masks are an ongoing request by non-profits around the state. Please add your donations to the basket located in the Narthex of church. Here are two links to mask patterns, a rectangular mask: <http://makespacesd.org/N95FilterCoverTutorialv2-1.pdf> and a mask with option of a pocket for a filter: <https://www.instructables.com/id/Olson-Mask-for-PPE-With-Filter-for-Personal-and-No/>

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.

God's peace begins with us

“No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.” ~ Nelson Mandela

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