



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

June 20, 2021
Imagining with God's Spirit

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *In Heav'n Above* (arr. Reginald Gerig) Lisa Kaufman

Welcome and Call to Worship Corey Miller

L: Imaginative spark, Divine initiator, Gracious gift of love,

P: We gather as your church, longing to see visions and to dream dreams.

L: Intoxicate us with your Spirit so we may be rooted and grounded in love.

P: Grow in us a deeper awareness of you, your people and your land.

L: Stir in us a mission of peace and justice under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

P: And unite us as one in the church,

ALL: To the praise of Your glorious grace. Amen!

Opening Prayer

* Hymn – *The love of God* (SJ #44) Choristers: Ken & Mary Mannes

Celebrating our Mission with Service and Mission Fund

Dedicating our Children

Jesse Wendell Eisenbeis (12/15/20), son of Andre and Lillie Eisenbeis

Magdalena Rose Yoder Hofer (1/6/21), daughter of Josh and Lynelle Hofer

Simon Jay Hofer (4/10/21), son of Patrick and Laura Hofer

PROCLAIMING

Children's Story Mary Mannes

Old Testament Story from I Samuel 16

Hearing the Scripture Acts 2:14-21

Special Music – *As the Wind Song through the Trees* (VT #373)

Hearing the Scripture Ephesians 3:14-21

Meditation – “The Gift of Imagination” Corey Miller

RESPONDING

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

* Sending Song – *Praise God from whom* (HWB #118)

Benediction

Postlude

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

This weekend, our Central Plains Mennonite Conference met virtually to discuss the happenings of Christ's church and the movements of the Holy Spirit. Our worship today reflects some of what we pondered over the weekend. Welcome to our worship. We are glad you are here!

Because of the complexities of tuning into a live-streaming service in the middle of our service, we opted to not try and do both. However, each of us are invited to take a moment sometime after Sunday to listen to the CPMC service and hear brother David Fitch preach. You'll be able to find that service on the CPMC website.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for the ***Service and Mission Fund.***

9:00 a.m. – Zoom Adult Sunday School

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

COMING EVENTS

Pastor Corey will be on vacation this next week (June 20-27). Any pastoral concerns can be directed to our deacon chair Janette Epp.

Thurs. – Worship Committee meeting at 7:30pm

July 10 – MCC Sale in Freeman

NEXT SUNDAY – June 27

Next Sunday we will begin a new summer series called “***Joy Ride***” based on the book of Philippians. The text for Sunday is Philippians 1:1-26 and brother S. Roy Kaufman will be preaching.

Offering next Sunday will be for ***Mennonite Church USA.***

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- The memorial service for Joe Danny was held on Friday at Salem-Zion. Burial was done at Neu Hutterthal Mennonite Church, where Joe Danny's parents are buried.

- Corey Miller, David Janssen, Elizabeth Janssen, Marlan Kaufman, Janelle Ortman, LeRoy Epp, and Janette Epp attended Central Plains Mennonite Conference yesterday (June 19th) through ZOOM meetings. We continue to be grateful for our involvement in this body of believers.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Hilda Kaufman.

- Jenny Hofer and her children as they begin to piece together their lives after Joe Danny's sudden death.

- Makayla Epp as she anticipates her move to Kansas and her new job in Marion.
- the families of Lena, Jesse and Simon as they grow and learn together!
- the fathers in our church family, that they can continue growing in their love for God, their families and their neighbors.

Treats during Coffee Hour: Our friends, Shakil and Sadaf Hafiz and their family, have generously given our church some treats to enjoy during the coffee hour in-between Sunday school and worship in the fellowship hall. This gift stems from their observance of Ramadan, which culminates in a day of celebration and gift exchange. These treats are gifts from the Hafiz family and we thank them for it!

The Covid-19 Task Team has determined several changes in guidelines for Church worship and gathering activities. We are grateful that local and state positive numbers for Covid-19 are greatly reduced.

1. We can resume singing all congregational hymns. Masks are optional.
2. At this time there are no restrictions on gatherings such as potlucks, funeral lunches and coffee time.
3. The pews in the wings of the sanctuary will continue to have some areas marked for distance seating.
4. Masks and sanitizer will continue to be available for use.

The Task Team will continue to be alert to changes and information from the CDC as necessary. We are grateful to the Salem-Zion congregation for adapting to guidelines and constant changes during these past 15 months due to the coronavirus. It has been a challenging time and now we look forward to renewed energy and participation as a congregation. Covid-19 Task Team - Corey Miller, Mark Ortman, Paul Ortman, Jay Penner, Nancy Miller, Janette Epp.

Update from Makayla Epp: “Hello Salem-Zion Family! I am excited to share that I have accepted a K-1 special education teaching position at Marion Elementary School; Marion, KS! I will be moving to Hillsboro, KS this summer. I am thrilled to work in an area of education that I am passionate about. This December I will graduate with my master’s in special education from USD. Thank you for all your prayers and support over the last few years.”

My Coins Count: Many weeks ago, a gift was given to all of the children at Salem-Zion with an invitation to “*grow their \$10*” into something for MCC’s My Coins Count. We have about 2 more Sundays before the sale, so I want to encourage you to invest the money wisely and joyfully bring your results (and stories) to the large My Coins Count water jug in the foyer. Remember, a generous person will match the total amount that we will raise. With joy, let’s make “My Coins Count!” - Pastor Corey

Minutes from the April deacon meeting are available on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Cheesepockets! It's that time of year again when I need some help making cheesepockets for the MCC Sale. We are doing things differently this year and are only selling them frozen, not fresh. We are only going to make 30 dozen, not 50 dozen. I will have things mixed up and ready to go, but would love some help on July 3, at 9am to put them together! Please email or call me if you are willing to help! Thanks so much! Lacey Friesen 605-595-7646 laceyjane83@gmail.com

Flandreau Fridays: Word has been received that beginning Friday night, June 25, a first-time event called Flandreau Friday will take place in Flandreau. Jessica Rubenstein (Nitza’s daughter from Fajita’s Bar and Grill) is on the planning committee that has been planning this first-time event to celebrate the diversity in Flandreau. The celebration will include food vendors, children’s activities and entertainment including Jackie Bird, a native hoop dancer, Mexico Azteca Dancers, Flandreau City Band and a Mariachi Band. The event begins at 5:30. When asked “what does cultural diversity mean to you?” Jessica responded this way...*“To me cultural diversity means people who have different values, beliefs, traditions, or ways of surviving, but it is within our differences that we can find beauty and understanding for each other.”* You are invited to participate in this event.

The **church library** is now open for book, periodical and visual material check-out. Please continue to use Covid-19 precautions as church guidelines suggest. Books and materials checked out several months ago may be returned to the library now. We hope to get everything returned by the end of June.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Community Connections

The Women's Ministry of Salem MB Church invite you to come help **make noodles for the MCC Relief Sale**. Monday, June 28, at 9 a.m. is set to make noodles at the Freeman Academy Pioneer Hall basement. Bring sack lunch. For more information call Karol Hofer. 605 648-3290.

Freeman Academy is accepting applications for the **Faith and Leadership Scholarship for new students in grades 9-12**. Recipients will receive 40% off regular high school tuition and a scholarship to attend summer leadership training through their denomination or an approved regional or national program. Applicants must be new students who have a GPA of 3.5 or higher,

and who wish to develop their leadership skills through contributions to the school. An interview and essay are required. Scholarship recipients who maintain a 3.5 GPA and complete the leadership requirements, will receive the 40% discount each year of high school. Details at <https://freemanacademy.org/scholarships/>. Contact Lynnelle Allison, Enrollment Director, for more information at lallison@freemanacademy.org.

With the drop in Covid numbers, **Salem Mennonite Home is looking for volunteers to host Saturday afternoon Bingo**. The afternoon starts at 2pm and lasts for approximately an hour, 3pm. You would be responsible for passing out cards & chips, calling numbers, engaging in conversation with the residents and offering a provided snack when the games are finished. Over the past year, residents at Salem Home have missed members of the community coming in and being part of the fun. You may do this as an individual, in pairs or small groups. If you would like to join our Bingo Volunteer Program, please contact Peggy Muchmore, Activities Director at 605-925-4994 or activities@salemmentonitehome.com. Thank you for your consideration.

The June edition of **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service at <https://conta.cc/3gsx0PZ>. In our current issue: MDS and the Brethren Church formalize a partnership of caring, the last houses in the Land of Hope are dedicated, bringing to completion a three-year effort, and youth across the U.S. are packing their bags to embark on MDS Summer Youth programs.

Virtual Borderlands Learning Tour, June 28 - July 2 from 2-5 p.m. CDT each day via Zoom: Engage with the reality of immigration from a different perspective. Through virtual conversations, participants will hear first-hand from folks on the ground about the complexities of the U.S. immigration system, U.S. immigration policies that have worked to dismantle the asylum-seeking process, and the human factor on various sides of the spectrum. For more information and to register: mcc.org/gl-virtual-borderlands.

June 22 at 7 p.m. CDT join James Wheeler & Linda Herr, Area Directors for Europe & Middle East, to hear **The Gift of Love: Doing our part for healing and wholeness in the world**. Register for the webinar at mcc.org/mcc-webinar-series.

The MCC Alumni Gathering is July 9-11 and all MCC alumni and their families are invited to join us at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Please sign up by June 25!

Current openings at MCC can be found at mcc.org. Current open positions include Canning & Trucking Manager, Multimedia Producer, Meat Canner and many international service opportunities.

God's Peace House with many rooms: "Jesus said his Father's House has many rooms. In this metaphor I like to imagine the Presbyterians hanging out in the library, the Baptists running the kitchen, the Anglicans setting the table, the Anabaptists washing feet with the hose in the backyard, the Lutherans making liturgy for the laundry, the Methodists stocking the fire in the hearth, the Catholics keeping the family history, the Pentecostals throwing open all the windows and doors to let more people in." - Rachel Held Evans

Zoom Adult Sunday School

<https://zoom.us/j/97667382194?pwd=NHNieHZ6a29ZMGpZSHJpczlibUxtdz09>; Meeting ID: 976 6738 2194; Passcode: 523 139

Livestream link for Sunday morning worship

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX8KyFIZChK0Ef-rIBAaS3A>

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