



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

“God’s Greatness and Goodness”

June 25, 2023

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *Brick Church*  
*Holy, Holy, Holy* (Robert Hebble) Ken Mannes

Welcome Steve Graber

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship

L: God’s greatness is wondrous to behold.

**P: Everywhere we look, we can see the imprint of God.**

L: From the loftiest mountains to the crashing waters of the sea,

**P: There God’s greatness stands majestically.**

L: God’s greatness can be within the human heart.

**P: Let us honor and praise God with acts of loving kindness and compassion. AMEN.**

Prayer

\* Hymn – *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* VT #182

\* Greeting each other

Children’s Story Mary Mannes

Sharing about Central Plains Mennonite Conference 2023 Delegates

Offering – Service and Mission Fund

Offertory – *In Thee is gladness* (Paul Manz)

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading From Psalm 33 Various Readers

\* Gospel Reading Mark 6:1-13

Sermon – “God is Great and God is Good” Corey Miller

## RESPONDING TO GOD

Song – *Rain Down* VT #703

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

\* Sending Song – *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* (verses 1,3,5) VT #203

\* Benediction

Postlude – *Improvised*

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

God is Great and God is good! In our worship today, we will intentionally look and listen for all the ways that we have seen and experienced both the Greatness and the Goodness of God. We are so glad that you have joined us for worship here at Salem-Zion.

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

9:00am – Coffee/Fellowship time

9:30am – Summer Sunday School Series: LOFT "Living Our Faith Together"

10:30am – Worship Service

Noon – Local Foods Celebration Potluck

2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

### THIS WEEK

**June 25-30 (Sun-Fri)** – Senior High Camp at SLCC

**June 29 (Thurs)** – Outreach and Service Committee meeting at 7:30pm

**June 30 (Fri)** – Fuente de Vida church reservation all afternoon and evening

**July 1 (Sat)** – Morning Prayers with the Psalms (Psalms 41-52) at 7:30am

**July 1 (Sat)** – Cheesepocket making for the MCC Sale at 9:00am

### NEXT SUNDAY – July 2

Next Sunday we continue our Summer of Psalms series. The focus of the morning will be “Healthy Marriages” and the featured Psalm will be Psalm 45. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Next week the offering is for the **Household Treasury**.

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### Happenings over the past week:

- Last weekend, on Saturday, the delegates learned that former Conference Minister Tim Detweiler passed away at his home with family surrounding him. His memorial service will be held in Iowa on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Condolences may be sent to Carol Detweiler at 518 South F Avenue, Washington IA 52353.

- A dedicated group of Salem-Zion folks served at The Banquet in Sioux Falls on Thursday. Thanks to Anita Eisenbeis and Amy Kaufman for helping to organize this important service to those in need.

- The Memorial Service for Gerald Bartel was held on Saturday at Salem-Zion. Gerald was a nephew to Ruby Waltner and Helen Tieszen.

### **Remember to praise God for:**

- the many hours of God-given sunlight to work, play, visit, and enjoy Creation!

- the good work, worship, and Bible Study that happened at Central Plains Mennonite Conference last weekend.
- God's persistent and unending transformation that is at work in the world in which we live. Thanks be to God!

**Remember to pray for:**

- those who cannot be here today: Ardelle Schrag.
- the family and friends of Conference Minister Tim Detweiler as they grieve Tim's death and remember with grateful hearts his faithful ministry to Christ's church.
- rain. Crops, gardens, and people's spirits are in need of refreshment. We pray for patience as we wait for rain.
- families as they take vacations and travel. May these events produce memories that will be cherished.

**Summer of Psalms:** Even if you haven't kept up with the readings, you are invited to engage the Psalms in whatever way seems right to you. Perhaps a psalm of Lament has emerged in you, or a song of praise that is divinely inspired. However and wherever, these prayers are gifts from God to help us grow in our trust of God. Join us on Saturday mornings to consider what God is saying and doing now.

The nursery and church office will get a facelift with **new carpet and paint** this summer. Several Sunday School rooms will also be repainted. If you would like to help the trustees with this project please contact Orville for more details. We are hoping to get some volunteers! The Trustees

Who's hungry for **cheesepockets**?!?! Or more importantly, who wants to help make them? On July 1 at 9am will be the cheesepocket making day in preparation for the MCC Sale. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Come for a good time of fellowship and conversation while making cheesepockets for a good cause! Questions, contact Lacey Friesen.

**Community Connections**

The June edition of **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service at <https://conta.cc/3PnlVBu>. In our current issue: volunteer work in Red Lake, Minnesota is empowering Native American homeowners; a new video features a unique program at Lancaster Mennonite School; and with open arms, there are new accommodations for volunteers in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.

**Tell the young adults in your life!** MCC is organizing two Peace Camps this year for those ages 18-30 who are hungry to connect, root themselves in intentional, theological reflection and apply that to the real-world work of peace

and justice in their communities. The registration cost is \$200 and all other expenses are covered, including travel, lodging and food! **July 23-28:** Peacebuilders Training in Colorado Springs, CO. **Oct. 15-20:** Descolonizando la construcción de paz | Decolonizing Peace training in Puerto Rico in Spanish. Information and registration can be found at <https://mcc.org/peace-camps>.

**Praying for Peace:** "I think our mental picture of God is the most important fact about our life. All other things being equal, the beauty of our life won't outrun the beauty of our vision of God. Unfortunately, the God that many Christians envision is not completely Christ-like, but is rather influenced by the violent depictions of God in the Old Testament." – Greg Boyd

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