



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

## “Creation Care Sunday” June 4, 2023

### GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude	Sheila Epp
Choral Call to Worship – <i>As We Rise, O God, to Meet You</i> (VT #39 v. 1,2)	Ensemble
Welcome	John Epp
Lighting the Peace Lamp	
Prayer	
Praising with the Psalmist (Psalm 8)	Reader’s Theater
<b>“O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!”</b>	
* Hymn – <i>This Is God's Wondrous World</i>	VT #180
* Greeting each other	
Children’s Story “My Coins Count” Launch	Paul Ortman
Offering – Household Treasury	
Offertory	

### HEARING GOD’S WORD

Old Testament & New Testament Readings Genesis 2:4-9, Colossians 1:15-20	
Hymn – <i>Touch the Earth Lightly</i>	VT #145
* Gospel Reading	John 1:1-5
Sermon – “Caring for Creation”	Corey Miller

### RESPONDING TO GOD

Song – <i>As We Rise, O God, to Meet You</i> (VT #39 v. 3)	Ensemble
Communion	
Sharing and Congregational Prayer	
* Sending Song – <i>As We Rise, O God, to Meet You</i> (v. 4,5)	VT #39
* Benediction	
Postlude	

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

As we begin our summer series “*Summer of Psalms*” we hear the Psalmist praising God for the gift of Creation! This morning, we are invited to ponder how we might be more faithful in caring for creation. We are delighted that you have joined us in worship. Welcome!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for the **Household Treasury**.

9:00am – Coffee/Fellowship time

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

10:30am – Worship Service

2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

### THIS WEEK

**June 5-9 (Mon-Fri)** – Bible School at South Church

**June 6 (Tues)** – Congregation/Pastor Review Committee meeting at 7:00pm

**June 7-9 (Wed-Fri)** – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp 1 at Swan Lake Christian Camp

**June 9 (Fri)** – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

**June 10 (Sat)** – Morning Prayers with the Psalms (Psalms 11-20) at 7:30am  
– “*We Own This Now*” show at Pioneer Hall at 7:30pm

### NEXT SUNDAY – June 11

Next Sunday we will celebrate our children’s Bible School week by worshipping at the South Church at **10:00am**. The Bible School offering project is the Arsenic Mitigation Program in Bangladesh.

### COMING EVENTS

**June 11** – Joint Bible School Worship Service at South Church at 10:00am

**June 15-18** – Central Plains Mennonite Conference in York, NE

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### Happenings over the past week:

- The funeral for Marjorie Hoppe, Susan Schrag’s mother, was held last Tuesday in Iowa.
- Clara Graber was admitted to Sanford Hospital over the week with some heart issues.
- Ardelle Schrag has been placed on Hospice Care at the Tieszen Home in Marion.
- Hannah and Rachel Miller were able to be home for several days. They returned to their respective homes in Virginia and California.

### Remember to praise God for:

- the goodness of God’s created world! In this early summer season, we can see, hear, taste and smell the goodness of God’s wonderfully created world.

### Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Cody Schrag.
- Clara Graber as the doctors diagnose and figure out how to help Clara's situation.
- Ardelle Schrag and her family as they enter into this new season of Hospice Care.
- our upcoming Bible School at the South Church. Pray for endurance and energy from the teachers and staff. Pray for safety for our children. Pray that the Holy Spirit will fill that place so children can learn more about Jesus' saving love.
- more faithful responses in our creation care. Pray for courage, wisdom, and power to do things differently so that our efforts can make a difference in this world in which we are so blessed to live.
- Rachelle Luitjens as she is installed at Zion Mennonite Church, Donnellson, IA. Pray for God's blessing on the ministry that she and Zion Mennonite will share.

**Summer of Psalms:** In case you missed hearing about it, our church is invited to read through the Psalms this summer. The schedule is placed on the **bulletin board** and extra copies are in the foyer. Every Saturday morning, you are invited to join me in reading the Psalms and sharing about how these prayers shape us and encourage us. Even if you can't meet in person, I hope we all give ourselves to this practice of reading through this amazing prayer book!

**Vacation Bible School** is this week (June 5-9) from 9 am - 1:15 pm at the South Church. All children should bring a sack lunch, and 4th and 5th graders are requested to bring a hammer with their name on it. The kids will share what they learned at the VBS program on Sunday morning, June 11, at 10 am at the South Church. The offering project for the week is the Arsenic Mitigation Program in Bangladesh. More information on this project can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. Contact Kelsey Pidde or Lacey Friesen with any questions.

Since we will be meeting at the South Church next Sunday, June 11, **bulletin announcements submitted this week will not be printed** for Sunday morning distribution. All announcements will be emailed on Thursday and a few copies will be available in the North Church narthex, as well.

**Selection ballots** were included as an insert in last week's bulletin (extra copies are available in the narthex). Please turn in your selection ballot for Assistant Sunday School Superintendents to the box in the narthex by June 11.

A copy of the Household Treasury **monthly report** is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. The June church **newsletter** is available on the table in the narthex, along with copies of *Scattered Seeds*.

**Summer Sunday School Series, LOFT "Living Our Faith Together":** All ages will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall; coffee starts at 9:00am with programming starting at 9:30am. There will be childcare for those children Preschool age and younger each Sunday. The schedule for June is as follows:

\*June 4th *Creation Care: Climate Change*

\*June 18th *Creation Care: Trees and Grasses: Keystone Species* with Lyle Preheim which will be followed by a tree planting.

\*June 25th *Creation Care: Our Local foods.* Plan for a church potluck after church!

Just a reminder, Salem-Zion will be serving at **The Banquet** on Thursday, June 22nd at the west facilities in Sioux Falls (710 N Marion Rd.). The sign-up sheet to volunteer will be up until Sunday, June 11th. It is a wonderful way to support those in need through The Banquet! If you have questions, you may contact Amy Kaufman or Anita Eisenbeis.

**May Offerings and Gifts:** Household Treasury - \$10,441.63; Student Tuition Sharing Fund - \$1,042.00; Ross Richers - \$150.00; CPMC - \$1,563.00; MC USA - \$250.00; MCC - \$1,030.00.

If you've ever wondered, "Where do we go from here?" then the **Central Plains Annual Meeting** is the place for you! Register TODAY (Registration ends tomorrow!) to see your friends in CPMC in York, NE, June 15-18! Our website has all the details: [www.centralplainsmc.org](http://www.centralplainsmc.org).

**SD MCC Relief Sale:** Detailed information for the July 22 event is included in the June church newsletter and registration forms for the bike ride are available in the narthex.

## Community Connections

On Saturday, June 10, at 7:30 pm, our community is welcoming **Ted and Company** to Freeman Academy's Pioneer Hall. Details are provided on the bulletin board and in the church newsletter.

**Peace Prayer for Creation: Holy God,** earth and air and water are your creation, and every living thing belongs to you: have mercy on us as climate change confronts us. Give us the will and the courage to simplify the way we live, to reduce the energy we use, to share the resources you provide, and to bear the cost of change.

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