



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

June 7, 2020

“The Spirit Outpoured in Community”

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

- Prelude – *Veni, Creator Spiritus...plainsong* (Wilbur Held) Ken Mannes
- Choral Call – *God of our strength* (HWB #36) Emily and Josie Epp
- Welcome and Call to Worship Mary Mannes
 - L: A wind breathes among us, calling us to gather in the name of the Holy One.
 - P: A fire burns within us, calling us to prayer, community and service.**
 - L: A spirit moves around us, calling us to turn in joy toward the sorrows of the world.
 - P: Burning, breathing, Spirit of Compassion, we bring our lives to you.**
- ALL: Spirit of the Living God, we worship You with glad and generous hearts!**
- Opening Prayer
- Congregational Song – *O come, loud anthems let us sing* HWB #68
- Offering our gifts – Household Treasury
- Offertory prayer

HEARING GOD’S WORD

- Hearing the New Testament Scripture Acts 4:32-37
- Special Music – *Beauty for brokenness* SS #115
- Hearing the New Testament Acts 5:1-11
- Meditation – “Generosity and Greed” Pastor Corey Miller

SENDING TO SERVE

- Song of Response – *When the poor ones* SJ #69
- Congregational Prayer
- Sending Song – *Bless’d be the tie that binds* (vv. 1,2,3,6) HWB #421
- Benediction
- Postlude – *Holy, holy, holy* Robert Hebble

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

We begin our summer series of “*Acts of the Holy Spirit*” by seeing how the early church experienced community together. While Covid-19 has altered the way in which we experience community these days, God’s Spirit still invites us to be gracious and generous. Welcome to our worship. We are glad you have joined us.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for the **Household Treasury**. Among the many things that our Household Treasury does, it provides SS materials for our children and adults, so that our faith continues to grow. Our children’s SS classes have been meeting via ZOOM, and starting June 14 an adult class will be taught as well following the Uniform Sunday School lesson. Quarterlies are available in the foyer.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday – ZOOM Devotional at 10:00am (Ecc. 3 and John 15:1-17). Join us for scripture and prayer.

NEXT SUNDAY – June 14

Next Sunday the theme is “*God’s Spirit Poured in Witness*” and the texts are Acts 6:8-15 and Acts 7:51-60. Pastor Corey will be preaching. I would invite everyone to read through the book of Acts as we study this in our worship times during the summer.

Offering next Sunday will be for the **Central Plains Mennonite Conference**.

COMING EVENTS

June 20 – Central Plains Mennonite Conference delegate sessions via ZOOM: 9:30am-12:00pm

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Our ZOOM Bible Study had some technical difficulties last Wednesday and wasn’t able to meet. The link will be sent out to you for next week’s session.
- On Monday, John and Rosella Schwartz celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. Congrats, John and Rosella!

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Joyce Schrag.
- MCC as it continues to administer food, healing and hope to many places in the world, especially in these changing times.

- our neighbors, near and far, that are grieving, hurting and angry at the recent events in the United States. Pray for a deeper understanding of what black people have experienced and are experiencing in these days of protest and call for racial equality. May we truly listen to what our sisters and brothers are saying.

- Glen Guyton, an African American and the first person of color to lead the denomination, calls all MC USA congregations to have a time of prayer Sunday, June 7, to "*lament the violence, pain and injustice that is plaguing our country,*" and calls on the denomination "*to engage in more costly peacemaking, rooted in radical discipleship, which seeks to dismantle systems of oppression.*" He encourages the church to #BringThePeace, a reference to MC USA's current peacemaking initiative.

- your sister churches in the Southeastern Iowa Cluster: Washington, Eicher, Wayland, Sugar Creek, Pleasant View, and Zion Mennonite in Donnellson.

Remember to thank God for:

- the Ad Hoc Task Force that is working on formulating a plan for reopening church for public worship and the Board of Ed as they get ready to launch an adult SS class. We are all in this together by God's grace!

- the many peaceful and prophetic ways that people across the country are working for racial equality in the US.

Please note the e-mail attachment sent with today's bulletin: **Mennonite Church USA statement on racial injustice.**

Summer ZOOM Devotionals: Please join us for our ZOOM devotionals, either live at 10:00am or later on when it suits you. All ZOOM sessions will be recorded and sent to you as well. We will begin at **10:00am** and I look forward to engaging the holy scriptures with you.

The Salem-Zion reentry task force has submitted a proposal to the administrative board for their approval of a **plan for reentry to worship services** at Salem-Zion. Further information will be forthcoming.

Salem-Zion delegates for CPMC are as follows: Pastor Corey, David Janssen, Steve Graber, John Epp, Marlan Kaufman, Janelle Ortman and Janette Epp. They will participate in the condensed delegate session via Zoom on June 20.

We will be doing a trial run in June to see if there is interest in an **Adult Sunday School Zoom class**. The classes will be held on June 14, 21, and 28 at 9:30 a.m. for 45 minutes via the church Zoom account. You will receive the Zoom address and password at the same time you receive the worship

service streaming information. We will be using the Uniform series summer quarterlies which are now available at the church. If you would be willing to lead a Sunday School session, please contact Gwen Ortman (605-660-5905) or Tim Eisenbeis (605-659-4311).

I would like to offer my thanks to my church family for all your prayers and concerns following my mishap. Also thank you for the cards, phone calls and food brought to me. It's great to have your friendship. - Ladonna Waltner

Word from Gabriel Eisenbeis: I was able to be home for 2 months! It was nice to be back and to get some projects done on the farm. One of the canners from Paraguay stayed with us over these past 2 months because he could not go home and there was nothing to do in Akron, PA. We made it back to Akron this last Wednesday (May 20). Things are slowly opening up here. We have started to fix up the canner for this coming season in the fall. Hopefully we can figure out a way to keep the canner going this next season without changing too many things. Currently we have 3 guys signed up for this next season but are still looking for a fourth. So I would ask that you keep not only the meat canner, but MCC as whole in your prayers as they have lost out on a lot of their funding for their many different outreaches and programs due to Covid-19.

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.

May Offerings and Gifts: Household Treasury - \$6,315.00; Deacon Sharing Fund - \$1,025.00; *Voices Together* - \$1,169.99; Wellspring - \$330.00; Central Plains Mennonite Conference - \$1,190.00; Freeman Academy - \$395.00; Bethany Food Pantry - \$250.00; Northern Turner County Food Pantry - \$250.00; Mennonite Central Committee - \$200.00.

May Household Treasury Report – Income: \$6,322.50; Expenses: \$12,510.60; Balance: \$5,246.74.

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.

Office Hours for staff during this season: Because of the continued call for social distancing and staying at home, Lisa and Corey will not be keeping their normal office hours in the COVID-19 era. If you want to visit with Corey or Lisa, call their cell phone or send an email and they will get back with you.

During this time of sheltering and limiting contacts because of COVID-19 the **deacons have set up a call person to take small orders** and miscellaneous items to those who request them from Freeman and Marion businesses. David Janssen is the contact person if you are in need of something. Please contact any of the deacons if there are other ways we can assist you. Besides David Janssen the deacons are Steve Graber, Beth Epp, Stacey Waltner, and Janette Epp.

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.

Community Connections

Please join MCC on June 16 at 1 p.m. CST for a webinar: **MCC's migration work in Mexico, Honduras and Guatemala/El Salvador** to discuss questions such as: How are MCC workers and partners in Latin America being affected by COVID-19? How are U.S. policies and protocols affecting the spread of the virus among the vulnerable population? How are organizations and faith communities responding? And how can each of us get involved and support their work during this time? Learn how to join this conversation at mcc.org/immigration-webinar-series.

You're invited to join MCC on June 17th at 6 p.m. CST for a **webinar featuring Paul Shetler Fast, MCC's global health coordinator**. Learn how COVID-19 is threatening the developing world and how MCC is responding. MCC's monthly webinar series, featuring a wide variety of stories from MCC projects from around the world, explores how MCC is responding to COVID-19. Experts in the field will give us a behind-the-scenes experience, sharing their own stories. Come with your questions! Register for upcoming webinars and browse through past recordings at mcccanada.ca/mcc-webinar-series.

God's peace in our country:

"Our historic peace church needs to speak to the growing injustice in our country. Our historic peace church needs to speak to the increasing use of military force on civilians and the militarization of our police force. Along with thoughts and prayers, we need action. We need to be unified around who we are as transformative peacemakers, not our political ideologies."

~ Glen Guyton, executive director of MC USA

