



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

“Nations Called to Praise”

July 16, 2023

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *Andante cantabile from Sonata 10 in C* (Mozart) Phillip Balzer

Welcome Beth Bontrager

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship (from Psalm 117)

L: Praise the LORD, all you nations! Extol the LORD, all you peoples.

P: We will extol the LORD with our lives.

L: For great is God’s steadfast love toward us,

P: The faithfulness of the LORD endures forever!

ALL: Praise the LORD!

Gathering Prayer

* Hymn – *Jesus Shall Reign* VT #414

* Greeting each other

Children’s Story Lynelle Hofer

Offering – Community Peacemaker Teams

Offertory – *Windswept Prairie* (Phillip Balzer)

Reflecting on Menno Con 23 Youth Group

HEARING GOD’S WORD

* Hearing the Scriptures Psalm 67, Luke 4:16-21

Sermon – “God of all nations” Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD

Song – *All Things Bright and Beautiful* VT #177

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

* Sending Song – *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* VT #846

* Benediction

Postlude – *Consolation No. 4* (Liszt)

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

The Psalmist calls all nations to “*be glad and sing for joy.*” Jesus came to initiate a new movement that embodied God’s embrace of all nations. As we worship together in this place, we ponder anew the miracle of Christ’s church, God’s distinct Christian Nation. Welcome to our worship!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Community Peacemaker Teams.**

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

July 16-21 (Sun-Fri) – 5th and 6th Grade Camp 2 at SLCC

July 19 (Wed) – Worship Committee meeting at 7:00pm

July 21 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

July 22 (Sat) – Morning Prayers with the Psalms (Psalms 77-88) at 7:30am

July 22 (Sat) – SD MCC Relief Sale in the Pioneer Hall dining hall in Freeman

NEXT SUNDAY – July 23

Next Sunday we continue our Summer of Psalms series. The focus of the morning will be “*Justice*” and the featured scripture will be Psalm 82 and Micah 6:6-8. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Next week the offering is for **The Banquet.**

COMING EVENTS

August 6 – Nancy and Corey BBQ with music and games; 5:30-8:00pm

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- David Friesen was able to return home on Monday following his surgery.
- Corey and Nancy traveled to Kansas on Wednesday to spend a few days with Nancy’s family.

Remember to praise God for:

- the positive experience that our youth had at Menno Con 23 as they reflected on Transformation in Christ.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Kaitlyn Epp.
- David Friesen as he recovers from his recent surgery.
- those who are organizing faith formation programs for the next school year and for those who will lead and teach.

The trustees will begin **prepping and painting** the church office and nursery on Monday. If you would be willing to help please contact Orville. - The Trustees

Lisa will be on vacation from **church office** duties July 21-25. The bulletin deadline remains unchanged.

Here is the list of upcoming presenters for **LOFT**:

- July 16 - Lacey Friesen and Mark and Lori Ortman
- July 23 - Tim and Anita Eisenbeis and Kelsey Pidde
- July 30 - Duane and Marlys Tieszen and Gwen and Stan Ortman
- August 6 - Susan Harder
- August 13 - Beth Kaufman

Menno Con 2023: 333 delegates voted on two action items at Menno Con 23 in KC. One resolution proposed was to change the MC USA bylaws so that delegates would meet every 3 years for business instead of two. This needed 67% and received only 65%, so MC USA delegate assembly will continue to meet every two years. The second was a resolution that clarified the agency governance of Everence and Mennonite Health Services within MC USA. This resolution passed but won't change how these ministries will continue to share their gifts in MC USA. The next biennium will be in 2025 with the theme, "Follow Jesus." Look to the [Anabaptist World](#) for all other coverage of this convention.

A thank-you card from **The Banquet** has been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Relief Sale Notes:

- **Friday, July 21, 7pm:** bike ride (registration at 6:30pm)
- **Saturday, July 22, 9-10 am (new delivery time this year):** Bring pies and items for the live auction, silent auction and bake sale **to the Pioneer Hall dining room**
- **Saturday, July 22:** Remember to bring your coins for the MY COINS COUNT school desk project
- **Only donations will be received for meals and booth purchases. Donations can be made in cash or with the use of a buyer number.** Buyer numbers are needed for the auctions. A donation container will be available in each booth

but **there will be no cash boxes** so no change will be available for those paying in cash

- The entire Saturday event will take place in the Pioneer Hall dining hall
- A few slots remain open on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex, so please sign up if you can volunteer

Community Connections

Rural Revival will meet Monday, July 24 at 8:00 P.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

Claiming Christ's Peace in Community: "We need this error-correcting mechanism that God has given us called community. We cannot be transformed as individuals, and we cannot be transformed into homogenous communities where all of us already think, look and act the same. Transformation happens in diverse community." - Jon Carlson, worship speaker and MC USA moderator-elect

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