



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

“God’s Justice”  
July 23, 2023

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude Cadence Hofer

Welcome Nick Schrag

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship (from Psalm 85)

L: We gather to worship God, knowing that God’s steadfast love and faithfulness meet together.

**P: We rejoice in knowing that righteousness and peace kiss.**

L: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground and righteousness will look down from the sky.

**P: Righteousness shall go before GOD, and peace shall be a pathway for GOD’s feet.**

Gathering Prayer

\* Hymn – *For the Healing of the Nations* VT #705

\* Greeting each other

Children’s Story Matthew 20:1-16 Corey and Friends

Offering – The Banquet  
Offertory

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Scriptures Psalm 82, Micah 6:6-8

\* Song – *What Does the Lord Require of You?* VT #207

Sermon – “Justice and Peace” Corey Miller

## RESPONDING TO GOD

Song – *The Water Is Ready* VT #458

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

\* Sending Song – *We, Your People, Sing Your Praises* VT #849

\* Benediction

Postlude

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

God desires and yearns for Peace and Justice, not only for Israel in the OT, but also for Christ’s church which proclaims this hopeful news. We are delighted that you have joined us for worship and we welcome you into this sacred space to worship God.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **The Banquet**.

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 23-28 (Sun-Fri)** – 7<sup>th</sup> and 8th Grade Camp 2 at SLCC

**July 28 (Fri)** – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

**July 29 (Sat)** – Morning Prayers with the Psalms (Psalms 89-100) at 7:30am

### NEXT SUNDAY – July 30

Next Sunday we continue our Summer of Psalms series. The focus of the morning will be “*Dying*” and the featured scripture will be Psalm 90. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Next week the offering is for **Mennonite Church USA**.

### COMING EVENTS

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

**August 13-17** – Turner County Fair grandstand booth

**August 19** – Sunday Evening Fellowship at 7:30pm: Rachel Miller sharing about her MVS experience in San Francisco

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### Happenings over the past week:

- Patrick and Laura Hofer welcomed a new son into their family on July 14th. Elijah Dean Hofer weighed 5 pounds and 12 ounces and everyone is doing well! The rose bud by the organ is in honor of Elijah’s new life.

### Remember to praise God for:

- the gift of new life to Laura and Patrick and their extended families.  
- all the funds raised yesterday for Mennonite Central Committee. Praise God for the fellowship that we experienced and the friendships that bond us together for Christ’s transforming work through MCC.

**Remember to pray for:**

- those who cannot be here today: Timothy Epp.
- David Friesen as he recovers from his recent surgery. Pray also for son Sam who has had appendix issues in this past week.
- Rachel Miller as she finishes up her responsibilities at Mennonite Voluntary Service in San Francisco. Rachel will be flying home at the end of this month.
- those who are most vulnerable in our communities. May God open our eyes to the possibilities for love and for protection of the least of these among us-- and may we be willing to heed God's call.

We celebrate with Patrick and Laura Hofer on the arrival of Elijah Dean! As a church, let's show them our love and support by supplying some **meals** for them. To arrange a time to take a meal, here is their contact information: Laura (605) 270-2363; Patrick (605) 351-6958; home (605) 925-7185. If they can't answer the phone right away, please leave a message. Thank you!

**MDS REQUEST:** SD MDS is being asked to provide 3 or more volunteers to help install a suspended ceiling in the Red Lake, MN volunteer center. The project date is July 31-Aug. 4. Transportation, meals, and hotel lodging will be provided. Please contact LeRoy Pullman (605-660-1014) or Karl Ries (605-261-0703) if you are able to assist.

**Caley Ortman** has a new address: 195 W Ponderosa Ave, Reedley CA 93654.

Lisa will be on vacation from **church office** duties through Tuesday, July 25.

**Community Connections**

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

The July edition of **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service at <https://conta.cc/3DlnAQX>. In our current issue: Kevin King shares some lessons learned in the wilderness; learn about an MDS family project bringing a new look to a campground in Wyoming; and hear from a long-time project director talk about why he continues to serve with MDS.

**It's time for the MCC School Kit Challenge!** Help us meet our goal of gathering 10,000 school kits in the month of August. By donating items like notebooks and pencils, you can help kids in places like Syria, Ukraine and South Sudan who have been forced to flee their homes or struggle to afford basic school supplies. Join this effort to share a tangible message of God's love with children around the world. Learn more about this challenge and download a free activity resource at [mcc.org/school-kit-challenge](http://mcc.org/school-kit-challenge).

**Claiming Christ's Peace in Community:** "Peace is the work of justice indirectly, in so far as justice removes the obstacles to peace; but it is the work of charity (love) directly, since charity, according to its very notion, causes peace." - Thomas Aquinas

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