



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

July 25, 2021

Joy Subverts

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *Come, Holy Spirit* (Wilbur Held) Ken Mannes

Welcome and Bringing Peace Sheila Epp

Call to Worship (Psalm 66:1-4)

L: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

P: Sing the glory of God’s name; give God glorious praise!

L: Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!”

P: Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

L: All the earth worships you;

P: They sing praises to you,

ALL: Sing praises to your name.

Opening Prayer

* Hymn – *Sing praise to God who reigns* HWB #59

Celebrating our Mission with *The Banquet*

PROCLAIMING

Children’s Story Sherilyn Ortman

Scripture Philippians 3:4b-14, 17-21

Sermon – “The Goal of Life” Kate Friesen

Song – *Lord, you sometimes speak* HWB #594

RESPONDING

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

* Sending Song – *Beyond a dying sun* HWB #323

Benediction

Postlude – *Allegro maestoso* (Felix Mendelssohn)

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

We welcome Kate Friesen to the pulpit today as we reflect on Philippians 3 and explore the theme “Joy Subverts.” We are so glad that you have joined us for worship at Salem-Zion.

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

9:00 a.m. – Zoom Adult Sunday School

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

NEXT SUNDAY – August 1

Next Sunday we continue our “*Joy Ride*” series based on the book of Philippians. The theme for Sunday is “Joy Unites” and the text is Philippians 4:1-3.

Offering next Sunday will be for the *Household Treasury*.

COMING EVENTS

Aug. 7 – Comforter Blitz in the Fellowship Hall

Aug. 8 – Miller BBQ, 5:30-8:30pm

Aug. 22 – Salem-Zion worship at the Arboretum in Freeman at 10:00am

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Dorothy Preheim.
- those who are organizing faith formation programs for the next school year and for those who will lead and teach.

"We want to **express our thanks** to everyone who sent cards or flowers, remembered us in prayer and attended mom's memorial service. A special thank you to Pastor Corey, the Fellowship Committee and everyone who helped with the service. We appreciate your kindness." The family of Rita Graber

SD MCC Relief Sale Update: An anonymous donor gave \$4,708 to match our church’s giving for **My Coins Count** (water for schools in Nicaragua). Praise God for the generosity of everyone who contributed to this cause!

Miller BBQ returns in 2021! August 8, from 5:30-8:30pm

Everyone is invited to our yard for music, food, games and a whole lot of fellowship. We missed so many things last year, so make plans to come out for an enjoyable evening. Bring your lawn chairs and be prepared to have fun!

Community Connections

The **Rural Revival** monthly meeting will be on July 26 at 8 pm in the Freeman Public Library, downtown Freeman.

The July edition of *On the Level* is now available from **Mennonite Disaster Service** at <https://conta.cc/3emcUFF>. In our current issue: MDS volunteers celebrate creativity during the pandemic, how the Covid Relief Fund kept church doors open and what hope looks like in small-town Texas.

Church Library

New books have arrived in the church library and are waiting for readers like you. You will find these on the "New Books" rack in the church narthex. The following statements come from "Amazon". Enjoy. Marlan Kaufman, librarian

Unraptured

By Zack Hunt

As a teenager in the buckle of the Bible Belt, Zack Hunt was convinced the rapture would happen at any moment. Being ready meant never missing church, never sinning, and always listening to Christian radio. But when the rapture didn't happen, Hunt's tightly wound faith began to fray.

The church cannot afford to focus on the end times instead of following Jesus in the here and now. *Unraptured* uses the signs of the times to help readers reorient their understanding of the gospel around loving and caring for the least of these. Forward by Rachel Held Evans. (youth/ adult)

If Jesus Lived Inside My Heart

By Jill Lord

This delightful little story explores just that as the toddlers in the story learn to be kind and generous in a variety of situations. The book may be used by parents as an introduction to Jesus and a way to discuss the many ways He lives within us. Bright and engaging illustrations from Amy Wummer enhance the appeal of the book to young children. (Ages 2-5)

Psalm 23 (in other words)

By Penn Ketchum

Ironman athlete and movie-multiplex owner Penn Ketchum rediscovered Psalm 23. "This old beloved Psalm moved into my day-to-day life where I've felt some inadequacy, insecurity, fear." In this book is the iconic Psalm, along with Ketchum's "other words," and his invitation for you to add your own. "This book is for the faithful but, more so, for anyone who is not connected—

normal schmoe like me, going through life looking for clues." The drawings are Ketchum's—simple figures, sometimes conflicted, who are often missing parts. "Readers will see, through the words and artwork," Ketchum says, "that heavy ain't always heavy." (teen and above)

Orphan Train Rider: One Boy's True Story

By Andrea Warren

Between 1854 and 1930, more than 200,000 orphaned or abandoned children were sent west on orphan trains to find new homes. Some were adopted by loving families; others were not as fortunate. In recent years, some of the riders have begun to share their stories. Andrea Warren alternates chapters about the history of the orphan trains with the story of Lee Nailling, who in 1926 rode an orphan train to Texas when he was nine years old. (10-adult)

Horton Hears a Who!

By Dr. Seuss

Choose kindness with Horton the elephant and the Whos of Who-ville. (children of all ages)

Night, Dawn, The Accident, A Trilogy

By Elie Wiesel, Winner of the Nobel Peace Prize

Night - Night is the autobiographical account of an adolescent boy and his father in Auschwitz. Elie Wiesel writes of their battle for survival and of his battle with God for a way to understand the wanton cruelty he witnesses each day. In **Dawn**, a young man who has survived World War II and settled in Palestine joins a Jewish underground movement and is commanded to execute a British officer who has been taken hostage. In **The Accident**, Wiesel questions the limits of conscience: Can Holocaust survivors forge a new life despite their memories? Wiesel's trilogy offers insights on mankind's attraction to violence and on the temptation of self-destruction. (adult)

Zoom Adult Sunday School

<https://zoom.us/j/97667382194?pwd=NHNieHZ6a29ZMGpZSHJpczlibUxtdz09>; Meeting ID: 976 6738 2194; Passcode: 523139

Livestream link for Sunday morning worship

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX8KyFIZChK0Ef-rIBAAaS3A>

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