



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

“Living and Dying Well”
July 30, 2023

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude Anne Waltner
 Choral Call to Worship – *In the Morning When I Rise* Quartet
 Welcome and Lighting the Peace Lamp Jon Graber
 Call to Worship (from Psalm 139)
 L: O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
P: You know when I sit down and when I rise up.
 L: You hem me in, behind and before and lay your hand upon me.
P: Where can I go from your spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
 L: If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
P: How weighty to me are your thoughts O God! How vast is the sum of them.
 L: I try to count them and they are more than the sand.
ALL: I come to the end and I am still with you.

Gathering Prayer

* Hymn – *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* VT #203

* Greeting each other

Children’s Story Diane Ellinger

Offering – Mennonite Church USA

Offertory

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Scriptures Psalm 90

Song – *River in Judea* Quartet

* Hearing the Gospel John 11:17-26

Sermon – “A time to be born and a time to die” Pastor Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD

Song – *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* VT #670

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

* Sending Song – *Beyond a Dying Sun* VT #416

* Benediction

Postlude

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

Few people like to talk about death, but it is a part of our lives that we all will experience. With the Psalmist, we reflect today on our lives and how God’s presence is with us in our dying as well as our living. May we draw courage and resurrection hope as we worship our Living God in the community of faith. Welcome!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Mennonite Church USA.**

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

Aug. 3 (Thurs) – Deacons meeting at 7:00pm

Aug. 4 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

Aug. 5 (Sat) – Morning Prayers with the Psalms (Psalms 101-112) at 7:30am

NEXT SUNDAY – August 6

Next Sunday we continue our Summer of Psalms series. The focus of the morning will be “*Remembering our Faith*” and the scriptures will be Psalm 105, Luke 24:21-27, and Hebrews 11:32-40. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Next week the offering is for the **Household Treasury.**

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 – Rachel Miller will share about her MVS experience in San Francisco at 7:30pm

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings:

- Rachel Miller will be flying home on Monday, July 31st. We look forward to seeing her and hearing from her over the next month in various places.

Remember to praise God for:

- homes and shelter that protected us from the heat of the past week.
- the improvements made to the church office and nursery (repainted and new carpet). David Janssen memorial gifts were utilized for this project. Praise God for our trustees who organized the project.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Cody Schrag.
- Susan Schrag as she awaits her results from her biopsy last Monday. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
- all who are fearful of death, that God’s comforting love will surround and hold them.

Life Sketch: Every year, our church community experiences death within our membership. We remember and celebrate the lives that we have deeply loved. Planning for funerals/memorials is not an easy task, nor is it one which we often take the time to think about before the need arises. It takes much work to plan these services and it is helpful if people have thought about them ahead of time. You are invited to fill out a Life Information sheet found in your mailbox (or sent to you electronically). Once completed, please return to Pastor Corey (place in his church mailbox or email a copy to him at corey.miller@gwtc.net) and he will hold in a confidential file.

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.

Turner County Fair Grandstand Booth: Thanks to all who have already volunteered to help at the grandstand booth. A link to sign up was emailed on Thursday, and hard copies of the sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex for those who prefer to sign up that way. If you have questions, Andre Eisenbeis and Will and Sherilyn Ortman serve as organizers of the grandstand booth this year.

Women of all ages welcome! All women are invited to this year's CPMC Women's Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp near Viborg, SD, on Saturday and Sunday, September 16 and 17. We are excited to have as our speaker Sara Dick, who most recently was General Manager of the Et Cetera Shop in Newton (KS) and before that was pastor of Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton. The theme of her presentations will be "Joining God's holy work of liberation through rest, recreation, and repair." Retreat will be a time of rest and relaxation interspersed with the opportunity of interest sessions, worship and singing, canoeing or kayaking, eating homemade meals, and catching up on sleep in restful lodging (all linens provided). Cost to attend is \$95, beginning with coffee, rolls, and fruit at 9am on Saturday and ending with Sunday noon meal. Register online at myslcc.org/register or (605) 326-5690. More information is on Facebook at Central Plains Mennonite Women or by emailing Elisabeth Harder Schrock at eharderschrock@gmail.com.

God’s Love Poured Out: “Dignified or not, believable or not, ours is a God perpetually on bended knee, doing everything it takes to convince stubborn and petulant children that they are seen and loved. It is no more beneath God to speak to us using poetry, proverb, letters, and legend than it is for a mother to read storybooks to her daughter at bedtime. This is who God is. This is what God does.” – Rachel Held Evans

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