



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

July 4, 2021

Joy Rebels

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – Variations on: *Unto Thy temple now we come* (Albert Adcock)

Ken Mannes

Welcome and Call to Worship      Psalm 84:1-4

Beth Epp

L: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

**P: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord.**

L: My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

**P: Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself,**

L: where she may lay her young at your altars O LORD of hosts.

***ALL: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise!***

Opening Prayer

\* Hymn – *Praise with joy the world’s Creator* (SJ #16)

Celebrating our Mission with Household Treasury

## PROCLAIMING

Children’s Story

Gwen Ortman

Hearing the Scriptures

Philippians 1:27-30

Song – *Help us to help each other* (HWB #362)

\* Gospel Reading

Mark 2:23-28

Sermon – “Rebel with a Cause”

Corey Miller

Pledge to Christ

*I pledge allegiance to Jesus Christ,  
and to God’s reign for which he died –  
one Spirit-led people the world over, indivisible,  
with love and justice for all.*

Song – *Christ, we do all adore thee* (HWB #105)

## RESPONDING

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

\* Sending Song – *When we walk with the Lord* (HWB #544)

Benediction

Postlude – Improvisation on *Be Thou my vision*

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

Shackled in prison, possibly facing execution for his belief that Jesus is Lord and Caesar is not, the apostle Paul experiences remarkable joy despite his dire circumstances. Today, we ponder with Paul what it means to “exercise our citizenship” and the times when our joy calls us to stand with Christ in the pressures of society. We rejoice in the fact that you have chosen to worship with us. Welcome!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for the ***Household Treasury***.

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 – July 11

Next Sunday we continue our “***Joy Ride***” series based on the book of Philippians. The theme for Sunday is “Joy Empties” and the text is Philippians 2:1-11, one of Salem-Zion’s top 14 Scripture passages. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Offering next Sunday will be for the ***South Dakota MCC Relief Sale***.

### COMING EVENTS

**July 10** - MCC Sale in Freeman

- MC USA Delegate Sessions

**July 11** - Special Sunday night meeting to share about Central Plains

Conference 2021

**July 12** - Ad Board Meeting at 7:30pm

**July 22** - Serving at The Banquet

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### Happenings over the past week:

- The family of Maxine Ortman gathered on Saturday for a memorial service and burial in the cemetery.

- Rita Graber died peacefully late on Tuesday night at Oakview Terrace.

Funeral plans are still pending.

### Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Eva Goosen.

- Delmar Ortman and his family as they remember and give thanks for Maxine’s life.

- Stewart and Krista Graber and family, as they say good-bye to their mother and grandmother.

- the youth group as they travel to Cincinnati, OH for the Mennonite Convention. Pray for Aiden Kesteloot, Blake Van Ningen, Timothy Epp, Sam Waltner, Liam Ortman, Jada Koerner and youth sponsor Andre Eisenbeis as they travel and experience God's Spirit at the worship and learning event.

- the families and community in Florida that are grieving the lives who died in the collapsed condominium. As families continue to wait, Oh Lord, have mercy upon them all.

- all those Central Plains Mennonite Conference volunteers who were affirmed to new committees and task groups at our Annual Meeting in June. May the mission and witness of the Kingdom of God through CPMC be enlivened by the energy and wisdom of those willing to serve.

### Hearing about Central Plains Mennonite Conference 2021 – July 11, 7:00

**pm:** On Sunday night, July 11, we invite all interested people from Salem-Zion to a special meeting at church to hear about what happened at CPMC this year. We will also take some time to listen to the sermon that guest speaker David Fitch offered on the Sunday morning. We will also hear from the delegates and give you an update on what actions happened, what decisions were made, and how God's Spirit was moving. We will meet in the air-conditioned Fellowship Hall and refreshments will be served! Join us in this time of fellowship and learning.

**The Banquet:** Salem-Zion's day to serve at The Banquet is coming up on **July 22**. This year we are serving at the West location. We will need 6 people to help with food preparation and 10-12 people to help serve. Sign up or contact Lillie Eisenbeis if you are able to help with this ministry. Salem-Zion will again be sponsoring the cost of the meal, which will be between \$700-\$1000. Donations can be given to Lillie, Lacey Friesen, or the church office. (Write checks to Salem-Zion with *The Banquet* in the memo). Thank you!

**June Mission Fund Offerings and Gifts:** My Coins Count - \$2,000.00; CPMC - \$1,806.00; MC USA - \$1,505.00; MCC - \$330.00; Hesston College - \$25.00; Wellspring - \$5.00; FA - \$5.00.

The **July newsletter** was sent as an attachment with this week's e-mailed bulletin. Hard copies are available in the narthex, as well.

**Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

The June newsletter for **Swan Lake Christian Camp** is available for viewing at [www.myslcc.com](http://www.myslcc.com). Meet our summer staff and read about how God is working at camp. We appreciate your continued prayers this summer as we work with youth and families. God's blessings are bountiful as our camps are filling to capacity and then some.

**God's Peace lived out:** Our country is not the only thing to which we owe our allegiance. It is also owed to justice and to humanity. Patriotism consists not in waving the flag, but in striving that our country shall be righteous as well as strong. -- James Bryce

### 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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