



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

August 2, 2020
“*The Spirit Outpoured in Visions*”

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *Adagio* (Josef Rheinberger) Ken Mannes

Welcome and Call to Worship John Epp

L: Brothers and sisters, we are gathered here to proclaim a vision;

P: A vision of a world formed by God, transformed by Jesus’ love and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

L: As followers of Jesus Christ, our purpose is to:

P: Live and share the good news of Christ’s kingdom,

L: Welcoming all as we worship, study, fellowship and serve others together.

P: May the Holy Spirit open our hearts and eyes to live into God’s vision for the whole world.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn – *Open now thy gates of beauty* (HWB #19)

Celebrating God’s Mission – Household Treasury

Children’s Story Malynnda Penner

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the New Testament Acts 10:1-23a

Special Music – *Be thou my vision* (Robert Hebble) Ken Mannes

Hearing the New Testament Acts 10:23b-48

Sermon – “Visions Coming Together” Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL

Song – *Beyond a dying sun* (HWB #323)

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Recessional – *Rejoice, you pure in heart* (Emma Lou Diemer)

Sending Song Outside – *Praise God from whom*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Praise God from whom all blessings flow; in heav’n above and earth below; one God three persons we adore. To God be praise forevermore.

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

The Holy Spirit used visions to capture both Cornelius’ and Peter’s attention. How do we view visions today? Where are they and what are they? As we envision the Spirit’s movement in our service, we welcome all who are tuning into this time of worship. We are so glad you are here.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for *The Household Treasury*. Part of our offering today goes for our staff at Salem-Zion. Nancy, Lisa, Lindy, Lacey and Corey offer their gifts to keep our building clean, our bulletins crisp, our facility well-ventilated, our finances balanced, and our spiritual lives moving. Thanks be to God for these servants as we joyfully give to support our disciple-making ministry at Salem-Zion!

COMING EVENTS

Pastor Corey will be on vacation this next week. He will be back in the office on August 11. Please direct any needs to Janette Epp, our deacon chair.

Wednesday, August 5 – ZOOM Devotional at 10:00am (John 14:1-7). Lisa will send out the ZOOM link.

August 16 – Ice Cream Social outside at church from **6:00-7:30pm**, sponsored by the deacons. Bring lawn chairs.

August 23 – Outdoor worship service at church at **10:30am**. Bring lawn chairs.

NEXT SUNDAY – August 9

Next Sunday we continue our study on the book of Acts that celebrates the work of the Holy Spirit. The theme is “*The Spirit Poured out in Deliverance*.” The scripture text is **Acts 12:6-19** and Brad Andersen will be bringing the message. Let us all continue to read through the book of Acts during this summer.

Offering next Sunday will be for **Central Plains Mennonite Conference**.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Linda Schwartz, wife to Keith Schwartz, died last Thursday from cancer in CA. Because of Covid, there were no funeral arrangements planned.
- KELO television interviewed Janette Epp and Lillie Eisenbeis when they served at The Banquet last week. Their interviews were aired last Thursday evening during the 10:00 news.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Nita Engbrecht.
- Visions and Dreams to come to us as we faithfully follow Jesus as the Body of Christ at Salem-Zion.
- places around the world and in our country that are struggling to contain Covid-19. Pray especially for the most vulnerable: older people, poor people and people of color.
- the Adult and Junior Sunday School leaders as they continue to seek teachers for the Faith Formation Classes this coming year.
- our congregation as we anticipate starting in-person Faith Formation classes on September 6.
- students, teachers and staff who are preparing to begin school in the midst of a pandemic. We pray for our church-related schools, Freeman Academy and Iowa Mennonite.

Remember to thank God for:

- the birds that usher in God's wonder early in the morning.
- our Body of Christ at Salem-Zion that continues to be a sign of God's peace and hope in our time.

Worshipping at Salem-Zion during Covid: The dividing strings down the middle of the pews are gone but physical distancing guidelines are still a key component of worshipping together safely. Please continue to use the "Welcome" signs on the pews to guide you to a pew to use and remember to keep at least 6 feet between family groups. There will be reminders in the pews as well. - the COVID-19 taskforce

At the beginning of our current fiscal year the administrative board approved a **project fund** in the amount of \$5,000 for the trustees to complete some improvement projects in the church building. These projects have included new drapes in the fellowship hall, new whiteboards in the Sunday school classrooms and the lowering of the serving wall between the kitchen and fellowship hall and a new roll up door for that opening. We have done all this work with the generous help of volunteers from our church family. However, we have gone over budget by \$1,500 and are looking for donations to cover this unexpected cost. If you are willing to contribute toward this, please earmark your checks for "the project fund" and submit to Lacey Friesen. We also want to thank everyone for your financial contributions to the household treasury during this unprecedented time that is our "new" normal. -the Trustees

Adult Zoom Sunday School will continue through August, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 9:50 to allow plenty of time for those who plan to attend the worship service at church to get there. We invite anyone who has access

to Zoom to join us. The link is in the email with the link for streaming our worship services. We are studying "Faith and Wisdom in James" this week. The background scripture for August 2 is James 1:1-12. You may pick up a quarterly at the church. We have had great discussions, and it's wonderful to see the faces of our church family!

The Salem-Zion Student Tuition Sharing Fund will be assisting **20 students attending Freeman Academy and 2 students attending Bethel College** for the 2020-2021 school year. This fund helps families of students attending both Freeman Academy and other Mennonite institutions of higher education. For your ongoing support, we gratefully say, "Thank you!"

July Offerings and Gifts: Household Treasury - \$7,145.00; The Banquet - \$1,165.00; Service & Mission Fund - \$340.00; Deacon Sharing Fund - \$100.00; Student Tuition Sharing Fund - \$30.00; Technology Fund - \$5,000.00; Project Fund - \$600.00; SD MCC Relief Sale - \$2,261.00; Mennonite Church USA - \$460.00; Central Plains Mennonite Conference - \$405.00; AMBS - \$135.00; SLCC - \$50.00; Christian Peacemaker Teams - \$844.00; The Banquet - \$110.00; Bethany Food Pantry Jr. SS - \$60.00.

July Household Treasury Report – Income: \$7,151.64; Expenses: \$9,777.11; Balance: \$7,612.10.

The **August newsletter** was sent as an attachment with this week's e-mailed bulletin. Hard copies are available in the narthex for anyone who would like one.

Church office: Lisa will be in the church office on Thursday mornings and by appointment as requested. Feel free to reach her by cell phone or e-mail throughout the rest of the week.

Community Connections

MCC is hosting *virtual alumni gatherings* for four of the world regions where MCC works: Latin America and Caribbean, Asia, Europe & Middle East and Africa. And you are invited! Join us for this special time to hear updates from Area Directors about current programming, share stories of service experiences and engage in small group discussions to connect with your MCC friends or meet others who served in the same world region. Find out specific dates, times and register at mcc.org/virtual-alumni-gatherings. Questions? Please contact heidihuber@mcc.org or call 316.283.2720.

Consider being an **MVS participant** for the 2020-2021 MVS year. Join a community, serve, and plug into your neighborhood and local congregation. Visit MennoniteMission.net/MVS to learn more and apply!

God's Peace releases Hatred: "You are a light. You are the light. Never let anyone — any person or any force — dampen, dim or diminish your light ... Release the need to hate, to harbor division, and the enticement of revenge. Release all bitterness. Hold only love, only peace in your heart, knowing that the battle of good to overcome evil is already won." - John Lewis

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