



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

August 29, 2021

Voices Together Launch

GATHERING (1-67)

Words of Welcome and Introduction to the Worship Pastor Corey
 Call to Worship #851
 Welcome #1 **“Summoned by the God Who Made Us” (vs 1,5)**
 Prayer of Blessing

PRAISING (68-139)

Scripture Isaiah 42:10-11; Psalm 146:1-3 #106,107
 Praise
 Thanksgiving
 Adoration #135 **“Alleluia” (vs 1 strong, 2nd time softer)**

RECONCILING (140-174)

Confession of Sin #143 **“Come Now, O God” (vs 1, 3)**
 Assurance of Grace #162 **“The Love of God” (vs 1, 3)**

TELLING GOD’S STORY (175-418)

Creation #177 **“All Things Bright and Beautiful” (vs 1,3,4)**
 Jesus’ Advent Art: “We Owe Them a Complicated Debt” #230
 Jesus’ Life, Teaching, Ministry #287 **“Jesus Christ is Waiting” (vs 1,3)**
 Holy Spirit #373 **“As the Wind Song through the Trees” (vs 1,2)**
 Art: “When Flaming Dove Meets Rising Waters” #378
 Church #396 **“May You Be Rooted and Grounded” (vs 1,3)**

CONFESSING FAITH (419-440)

#429 **“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”**
 #436 **“How Great Thou Art” (vs 1,4)**

CELEBRATING BAPTISM (441-458)

CELEBRATING COMMUNION (459-493)

Art: “Communion” #468

SHARING OUR STORIES (494-672)

Morning and Evening
 Child Blessing
 Nurturing Faith
 Family, Friendship, and Marriage
 Vocation, Work, and Rest
 God’s Call #546 **“There is a Line of Women” (vs 1,3)**
 Conversion and New Life
 Following Christ #580 **“To Leave the Stones Unthrown” (vs 1,3)**

Doubt and Faith
 Suffering and Joy
 Healing and Anointing

PRAYING (672-744)

Congregational Prayer
 Response #673 **“Our God in Heaven”**
 Lament
 Gratitude
 For the World, Church, One Another, Ourselves

Pastor Corey

GIVING (745-760)

#748 **“Take, O Take Me as I Am” (Sing twice)**

LIVING GOD’S STORY (761-808)

Mission
 Service
 Peace and Justice #798 **“Sword into a Plowshare”**

SENDING (809-840)

Commissioning #809 **“Sing a New World into Being” (vs 1,4)**
 Blessing
 Reading #822

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

We gather with our *Voices Together*, to proclaim the wonder of God’s saving love! As we dive into our new worship hymnal/resource, we pray that we all will be drawn more deeply into the Biblical narrative of God’s love and heartfelt desire for salvation, healing and justice. We are so pleased that you have decided to join our voices on this special time of worship. Welcome to you all!

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

9:00 a.m. – Zoom Adult Sunday School

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

THIS WEEK

Sept. 2 (Thurs) – Outreach & Service Committee at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY – September 5

Next Sunday we will begin a Stewardship Series in the month of September. The theme is *“Prayer of Agur – Feed Me with the Food I Need.”* The text will be from Proverbs 30:7-9.

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

COMING EVENTS

Sept. 11 – Comforter Blitz at 9:00 a.m.

Sept. 12 – Sunday Evening Fellowship event at 2:00 p.m. – Lois Wells

Sept. 19, 6:30 p.m. – “Mark your calendar” for a Flandreau update from Bienvenidos a Brookings at Salem-Zion Fellowship Hall.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- A memorial service for Allen Schrag was held last Tuesday at Salem-Zion.
- The music committee had a “*stamping party*” as they opened up the boxes with our *Voices Together!*

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Duane & LaVonne Schrag.
- Ardelle Schrag, Dean and Lori Schrag in the death of Allen.
- the Arlen Miller family as they walk through this valley together. Arlen is still at home, sleeps a lot and is very limited with his mobility. Hospice care continues to help with pain management through medications. Pray for Florence and the family as they provide night and day care for Arlen.
- the situation in Afghanistan that is creating fear, concerns and uncertainties for many people. O Lord, we pray that your Spirit would grow seeds of peace in that place.
- the hospitals, doctors, and nursing staff that are feeling the weight of Covid, once again.
- gratitude for the rain that fell on the dry ground in this place.
- those who are still affected by the Richard Spring wildfire in Montana.

Update From The Covid-19 Task Team: The South Dakota Department of Health has reported an increase of new Covid-19 cases in Hutchinson and Turner counties and has listed community spread as high. With that information and the fact that children under 12 cannot receive the vaccine we again want to encourage safety measures in our congregation during worship. We ask that you practice safe distancing in seating and when visiting. We also strongly encourage wearing a mask, especially when singing or socializing with others in the church building. If you have questions or concerns about receiving the vaccine contact your local health care provider or visit the Covid-19 Information Center for Vaccine Resources. The Task Team will again attempt to update information and communicate clearly to the congregation with the goal of safety and care for all. - Covid-19 Task Team (Janette Epp, Mark Ortman, Paul Ortman, Jay Penner, Nancy Miller, Corey Miller)

WHERE HAVE ALL THE HYMNALS GONE? This morning, as we sing for the first time from *Voices Together*, **our previous hymnals have been removed from the racks to allow us to focus solely and wholly on this new resource.** Rest assured, the red, blue and spiral-bound hymnals are still safely within these walls and available if/when we need them again. The music and

worship committees are patiently discerning outcomes for each and welcome your thoughts. We know different ones of us cherish each one and so we are tentatively planning a hymn sing from these former hymnals even as we usher in the next era of congregational singing that *Voices Together* represents.

We would like to **thank** the congregation, for all your thoughts and prayers. We appreciate all the kind words and support given us. - The Family of Allen Schrag

Our church members have access to the church kitchen at all times, including the appliances. We realize there are times to drop items of food off for someone to pick up later, especially in the freezer and refrigerators. The church kitchen committee suggests that **items be labeled with a name or telephone number and the date when left there.** This would facilitate owners being reminded of forgotten items and returned to them. Thanks in advance for your help.

The Selection Committee is starting to work on compiling the **Fall selection ballot.** If you no longer wish to serve in a certain position please let one of the committee members know by Sunday, September 12. In addition, the selection ballots will be distributed the end of September. We ask that you start to think about how you can serve on a committee at Salem-Zion. The committee members are Sheila Epp, Tim Graber, and Clara Graber. Thank You!

Everence has created a great little booklet called “**30 Days of Generosity**” and they have made it available to anyone free of charge. Each week, Lisa will send out an attachment that you can print off and study. It is our hope that this stewardship focus will create in us more generous hearts and lives.

Sunday Evening Fellowship: Sept 12 at 2pm

Please join us for a piano concert by Lois Schrag Wells. Beth Kaufman (flute), Kerwin Graber (narrator), and Dan Graber (organ) will also perform during this program of contemporary sacred music. A light reception will follow.

Central Plains Mennonite Women's Retreat is scheduled for September 18-19, 2021 at Swan Lake Christian Camp. We are delighted to have Kate Friesen from Sioux Falls, SD as our speaker and look forward to a weekend of reconnecting, relaxing and sharing some of the sweeter parts of life together. Register by September 13 at <https://myslcc.com/register/> or call Judy at the camp (605) 326-5690. Check out the Central Plains Mennonite Women facebook page for updates.

Learning God's Peace: “I have learned things in the dark that I could never have learned in the light, things that have saved my life over and over again, so that there is really only one logical conclusion. I need darkness as much as I need light.” - Barbara Brown Taylor, *Learning to Walk in the Dark*

Community Connections

Rural Revival is sponsoring a vineyard tour at the David and Cindy Graber farm at 43772 283rd St., Freeman, SD on Tuesday, September 7 at 7:00 P.M. All are invited to attend.

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/UCX8KyFlZChK0Ef-rlBAaS3A>

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