



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

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## *Pathways to Journey Forward*

“For Christ is our peace...” – Ephesians 2:14

### GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *Let all mortal flesh keep silence* Callahan

Welcome Jeremy Waltner

Call to Worship (from Micah 6:6-8)

L: With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high?

**P: Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?**

L: Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

**P: Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?**

L: He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you

**P: But to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.**

### PRAISING GOD

\* Gathering Song – *We are people of God’s peace* HWB #407

\* Opening Prayer

Greetings and Announcements

Offering our gifts – Household Treasury

Offertory Prayer

Offertory – *Come Thou fount of every blessing* Paul Manz

Special Music – *Meditation from Thais* Massenet

### HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Scriptures Ephesians 2:14-17, John 20:19-23

Sermon – “Witnessing to God’s Peace” Corey Miller

### RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Song – *Peace before us* SS #16

Receiving New Member Yvonne Mast

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

\* Sending Song – *Lord, let us now depart in peace* HWB #428

\* Benediction

Postlude – *Improvised*

\* Congregation please stand. If standing is difficult, please remain seated.

*The peace lamp is lit weekly as a reminder that there is violence and suffering in the world. We as a faith community pray for peace for all people and look for ways to be active in peacemaking and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.*

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

Peace permeates the New Testament and the story of Jesus. It is a central teaching of the Anabaptist tradition and is tied closely with Justice as the prophet Micah reminds us. We welcome you to experience the transforming peace of Christ in our worship this morning. We are so glad you are here.

**Greeters:** Brett Pidde & Kelsey Ortman; **Organist:** Ken Mannes; **Special Music:** James Schrag; **Nursery Care:** Lacey Friesen & Jay Penner

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

10:10 a.m. – Fellowship Time

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

### “Celebrating Giving”

Today we receive an offering for the household treasury. This money does much more than meet salaries and pay utilities. It provides material for Sunday School, VBS, music for choirs, supports and funds new ministry opportunities as they come up. This is a gift to the working body of Salem Zion! Thank you very much!

### THIS WEEK

Sept. 19 (Wed) *Pathways* Study at 7:00 p.m. The focus will be on God’s Peace and all are welcome!

### NEXT SUNDAY – September 23

Next Sunday we will conclude our new “*Pathways*” series from Mennonite Church USA. The focus of our worship is: *Experiencing Transformation by Holy Spirit*. The texts are Mark 1:9-11 and Romans 8:14-17 and Corey will be preaching.

**Greeters:** Ted & Diane Ellinger; **Organist:** Dan Graber; **Special Music:** Kelsey Ortman; **Offering:** Meat Canning; **Nursery Care:** Malynda Penner & Kyle Waltner

### COMING EVENTS

**Oct. 27-28** – Harvest Mission Festival with Joe Sawatzky from Mennonite Mission Network. On Saturday morning, Joe will speak at the Arboretum in Freeman to all North and South church folks 70 years and older. On Sunday,

Joe will preach first at the South church, and then at Salem-Zion, followed by a potluck meal. Then in the late afternoon, the 50 and under crowd (and their families) will be invited to the Miller farm for games, food, fellowship, Q & A with Joe and music. We look forward to this weekend!

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### Happenings over the past week:

- Arlyss Ortman was admitted to the Freeman Hospital last Sunday and died early on Thursday morning. The memorial service will be on Monday, September 17 at 11:00 a.m. at Salem-Zion.
- Alice Graber was admitted to swing bed on Monday at Freeman Hospital as she recovers from her knee replacement surgery. She is in room #4.

### Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Elsie Schmidt.
- the Arlyss Ortman family as they grieve their mother's death and as they are comforted by God's love.
- peace in our relationship with God, with our neighbors, with God's creation and in the world. *"Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me."*
- the communities on the east coast that are affected by hurricanes.
- those gathered at Swan Lake Christian Camp this weekend for the Central Plains Mennonite Women's Retreat.

### Remember to thank God for:

- the examples of peace that God provides for us in people, throughout nature, and in surprising places within the world. Thanks be to God!

Thank you for attending the Selection Kick Off last Sunday and a special thank you to all who setup and worked at the potluck! If you were not able to attend, extra ballots can be found in the narthex by the Selection Ballot box. There is also a list of **committee descriptions** available this week for those needing more information on what each position entails. If you need any other assistance or have questions please contact a member of the selection committee. Ballots are due on Sunday, September 23rd. Please keep the congregation in your prayers as we select church leadership for the upcoming year.

**Devotionals for 14 Scriptures:** You have just a few weeks left to turn in a devotional from our 14 Scripture series. IF you prefer to not sign your devotional, we will print it without your name. I look forward to hearing from you as we continue to engage in the scriptures.

**Busy people, busy lives, generous hearts.** As you hopefully read in the most recent church newsletter, the Mennonite Women Executive Committee

has decided to end the practice of monthly envelope offerings. Many of the projects supported through these offerings are duplicated in the regular Sunday morning offering schedule, with just a few exceptions. It is our hope that your generosity will continue through the Sunday morning offerings. If you have questions, please direct these to Elizabeth Janssen, Chair of Mennonite Women.

**The Pastor Congregation Relations Committee** will meet after church on September 23.

## Community Connections

**The Et Cetera Shoppe is seeking a volunteer** to steam wrinkled clothing before it is put out for sale. This person would volunteer for one week every month – steaming for approximately 2 hours on 2 or 3 days during that week. Days and hours are completely flexible. Call the shop at 925-7098 and ask for Kris or Anita to express interest in being a part of our mission!

Wellspring Wholistic Care Center, Freeman, SD is sponsoring a **Grief Seminar** on September 22, from 1-5 pm at the Prairie Arboretum Visitor Center south of Freeman Academy. This year's panel will be discussing the 5 Stages of Grief: Denial, Anger, Bargaining, Depression and Acceptance. The purpose of the seminar is to assist you in dealing with your challenges of grief, whatever directions your journey is taking you. If you have any questions, please call LaVonne Brockmueller at 605-661-0601.

The worst monsoon flooding in a century has damaged roads, homes and sources of income for hundreds of thousands of people in the Kerala state of India. **Mennonite Central Committee** is working with Gilgal Mission Trust in India to provide tarps, food baskets, cooking utensils, and cleaning and hygiene items. Donations to support the response can be given online at [mcc.org/india-flooding](http://mcc.org/india-flooding); by phone at 888-563-4676; or by mail to MCC U.S., 21 S. 12th St., PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501.

### Practicing the Peace of Christ:

*We have hope, not that the events of the world will turn out "right," but that God is who God claims to be. We plant seeds of peace and justice for our children, believing they will grow strong whether we live to see them bear fruit or not. Our belief in the unexpected resurrection gives us the courage to face our unknown tomorrows. Our legacy is the faith of our martyrs' and the promise that God is in charge. We are fools for Christ, hoping against hope.* – author unknown

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