

Celebrating...



REMEMBERING, LEARNING, GROWING
WORSHIP & COMMUNION SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 • 10:00 AM

SALEM-ZION MENNONITE

Sunday Morning Worship for 150th Anniversary
of Swiss Mennonites in South Dakota
September 8, 2024
Salem-Zion Mennonite Church
10:00am
“Remembering, Learning, Growing”

Prelude – *O Gott, du frommer Gott* (Bach, arr. Whitford)
Lasst uns erfreuen (arr. Hopson) Debra Schmeichel

Choral Call to Worship Swiss Heritage Choir
O God Our Help in Ages Past (arr. William Ortman)
Donna Ries, Rolf Olson-trumpet
Janet Balzer-horn
Liam Ortman-trombone
Armando Miller-tuba

Welcome and Call to Worship (from Psalm 16) Gwen Ortman
L: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
**P: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.**
L: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
**P: I keep the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**
**ALL: You O God, show me the path of life. In your presence
there is fullness of joy!**

* Opening Hymns of Praise
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (v. 4 in unison) VT #126
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee VT #103

Greeting Each Other and Introductions

Children’s Story Sheila Epp

Praising God in our Offerings – Mennonite Central Committee
(Relief in Ukraine) (please make checks out to Salem-Zion Mennonite)
Offertory – *The Old Hundredth* (arr. Walther, Pachelbel)

Scriptures – Jer. 29:4-13, Eph. 4:1-6, 11-16 Pastor Spencer Bradford

Anthem – *Come, Thou Fount* (arr. Mack Wilberg)
Karl Graber, piano

Gospel Reading Matthew 13:1-9
 Meditation – “The plans I had for you. The plans I have for you.”
 Pastor Caley Ortman
 * Hymn – *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* VT #203
 Sermon – “God’s Divine Parable” Pastor Karen Graber Andres
 Anthem – *Beautiful Savior* (arr. F. Melius Christiansen)
 Clara Beseman, soprano
 Communion
 Hymn – *I Am the Bread of Life* VT #480
 Prayer
 * Benediction
 * Sending Hymn – *Praise God* VT #70
 Postlude – *Lobe den Herren* (arr. Leavitt)



Caley Ortman is a pastor at First Mennonite Church in Reedley, California and a retirement home chaplain at Sierra View Homes. He is also the Program Director for the Mennonite Youth Camp at Camp Keola. Caley is the son of Stan and Gwen Ortman and grew up in the Freeman community. He was raised and baptized at Salem-Zion Mennonite Church. He is a graduate of Bethel College, North Newton, KS and received his Master of Divinity from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN.



Karen Graber Andres was born in Kansas and grew up on a farm near Pretty Prairie. Her home church was First Mennonite Church of Pretty Prairie, KS. After various positions at the former General Conference Mennonite Church, she pursued a Music Performance degree from Bethel College (N. Newton). Karen received her Pastoral Ministries degree at Hesston College and a certificate in theological studies at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. She held pastorates at

Tabor Mennonite Church, rural Newton, for 10 years alongside Pastor Corey Miller, as well as three years as associate pastor at Zion Mennonite in Elbing, KS. Now Karen fills the pulpit as needed and is employed at Bluestem Communities, Inc. (Kidron-Bethel) in N. Newton as the piano accompanist and serves on the chaplaincy team. Karen's ancestry began at Freeman as she has two great-great-grandparents buried in the Salem-Zion Cemetery. Karen is married to David (a farmer) and they have one son Josh, daughter-in-law Kristy, and 2 adorable grandsons! Karen says, "*Coming to Freeman brings my life full-circle as I celebrate with others this rich heritage and those who have gone before me.*"

Today's Activities

- Ethnic meal at noon
- Display tables containing photos, artifacts, and other memorabilia (in the foyer)
- Historical Tour at 1:30pm (meet by the bell tower)
- Salem-Zion Cemetery Exploring following the tour (led by Duane and Marlyns Tieszen)
- Celebration of Music at Pioneer Hall at 7:00pm

Thank You

We thank you for taking the time to attend the activities that have been planned this weekend. It takes a village to be able to make this kind of an event reality. For the countless number of volunteers who made this possible - all who helped with the music, those who cooked and worked with the food and refreshments, those who provided childcare, our speakers Caley Ortman and Karen Graber Andres who proclaimed God's Word to us, those who led tours, helped gather pictures for slideshows, and set up display tables filled with memorabilia and artifacts, and to everyone else that contributed to our celebration in one manner or another, we thank you and are so grateful for you!

For God's glory,

Marnette Hofer, Everett Waltner, Polly Waltner, Rudy Brockmueller, Gwen Ortman, Corey Miller – the 150th Planning Committee

