



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

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Pathways to Journey Forward

“And immediately they left their nets and followed him.” – Mark 1:18

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude	Austin Unruh
Choral Call to Worship – <i>Lift Up a Song to the Lord</i>	Shackley
Welcome	Sheila Epp

Call to Worship

L: God calls out to all who would follow.
P: God calls us in creation and within the human heart.
L: God calls us in scripture and through the church.
P: God calls in history and human experience.
L: God calls to life and wholeness.
P: God calls us to healing and hope.
L: God calls to follow in the way of Jesus.
P: God calls out to all who would follow.

* Gathering Song – <i>Come and see</i>	HWB #20
* Opening Prayer	

PRAISING GOD

* Hymn – <i>Praise him, praise him</i>	HWB #100
Greetings and Announcements	
Children’s Story	Jeremy Waltner
Offering our gifts – Household Treasury	
Offertory Prayer	
Offertory	

Confession

We have followed the ways of the world more than the ways of Christ, forgiving God. Our hands have built walls instead of tearing them down. We have comforted ourselves more than others. Our love for one another has not burned bright enough for the world to see it. So, forgive us, merciful God, and direct us back to the path that Christ has trod. Set our feet to walking in the path of peace. Ignite our hearts with the flame of justice. Bind us together with the cords of Christ’s love, so they may know we are Christians by our love.

Anthem – *Lord, Have Mercy* arr. Larson

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Gospel Mark 1:16-20

Sermon – “Follow the Leader”

Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Commitment

We commit ourselves to follow Jesus. As an Anabaptist community of the living Word, we listen for God’s call as we read Scripture together, guided by the Spirit. Through baptism, we commit ourselves to live faithfully as Jesus’ disciples, no matter the cost.

Song – *I want to walk as a child of the light* SJ #95

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

* Sending Song – *We will follow* SS #40

* Benediction

Postlude

* 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

“*We will follow Jesus, everywhere he goes,*” we sing, but sometimes Jesus goes to difficult places. Today, as we continue to renew our commitment to follow Jesus, we open ourselves to the Spirit’s leading. We are so glad you have decided to worship with us today.

Greeters: Gary & Gloria Graber; **Special Music:** LeRoy Epp, Kerwin Graber, Lacey Friesen, Judy Graber, Lynelle Hofer, Sherilyn Ortman;
Nursery Care: Charity Ortman & Lance Friesen

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

10:10 a.m. – Fellowship Time

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

Noon – Fall selection potluck

“Celebrating Giving”

The offering received this week is for the Household Treasury. With these funds we purchase propane and utilities, pay salaries, and cover the other expenses of providing this local ministry in the greater Freeman/Marion area. Thank you very much for supporting Salem-Zion and the ministry it provides.

THIS WEEK

- Sept. 10 (Mon) 7:00 p.m. – Administrative Board meeting
Sept. 12 (Wed) 7:00 p.m. – *Pathways* Study

NEXT SUNDAY – September 16

Next Sunday we will continue our new “*Pathways*” series from Mennonite Church USA. The focus of our worship is: *Witnessing to God’s Peace*. The texts are Micah 6:6-8 and Ephesians 2:14-17 and Corey will be preaching.

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

COMING EVENTS

- Oct. 27-28 Harvest Mission Festival with Joe Sawatzky from Mennonite Mission Network

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Recent happenings:

- Orville, Paul and Emmit improved the safety of the playground area by putting gravel underneath.
- Dan and Tina Graber are proud parents of a newborn baby boy. **Levi James Graber** was born on Wednesday morning and big sister Adaline is very excited! All are doing well. The rosebud by the organ is in honor of Levi as we celebrate with the Grabers and with grandparents Steve and Linda.
- Alice Graber had total knee replacement surgery on Wednesday at Avera. She was hoping to be back in Freeman by the weekend, where she might spend a few days in the Freeman hospital. Praise God that the surgery went well.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Nita Engbrecht.
- Alice Graber as she recovers from her knee surgery.

Remember to thank God for:

- the safe arrival of Levi James Graber.

Devotionals for 14 Scriptures: I know that harvest will be here shortly and that will mean busy days and nights ahead. I would invite you to write a devotional before that season begins as you reflect on any of the 14 scripture passages we discerned to be our top texts. Your thoughts and words will enhance our faith and inspire our witness.

Join our PATHWAYS study! Mennonite Church USA is encouraging all churches to study the *Pathways* curriculum that endeavors to move us forward as a church. This week, we will reflect more on what it means to follow Jesus. Everyone is welcome to join in these conversations.

I’m very grateful for the safe arrival of tiny twin girls, Coralie and Brooklynn Manson, that I became great-grandmother to. They had a treacherous journey but are doing well now. – Ardis Jantzen

Library News: You can now check which books are in the church library by going to the church website and clicking on the **Library** button on the top of the home page. You can search by author, title, or subject. The card catalog is now on the library computer. The file with cards on the south wall of the library will no longer be updated or current. If you have questions please talk to one of the librarians.

The **SD MCC Relief Sale** date for 2019 has been set for Saturday, July 13. Please mark your calendars.

Community Connections

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. Speakers from the surrounding area will share their grief challenges. This year’s panel will be discussing the 5 Stages of Grief: Denial, Anger, Bargaining, Depression and Acceptance. If you are experiencing any of these emotions following a loss of a loved one, it may help to know that your reaction is natural. The purpose of the seminar is to assist you in dealing with your challenges of grief, whatever directions your journey is taking you.

Practicing the Peace of Christ:

“When I say it's you I like, I'm talking about that part of you that knows that life is far more than anything you can ever see or hear or touch. That deep part of you that allows you to stand for those things without which humankind cannot survive. Love that conquers hate, peace that rises triumphant over war, and justice that proves more powerful than greed.”
— Fred Rogers

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