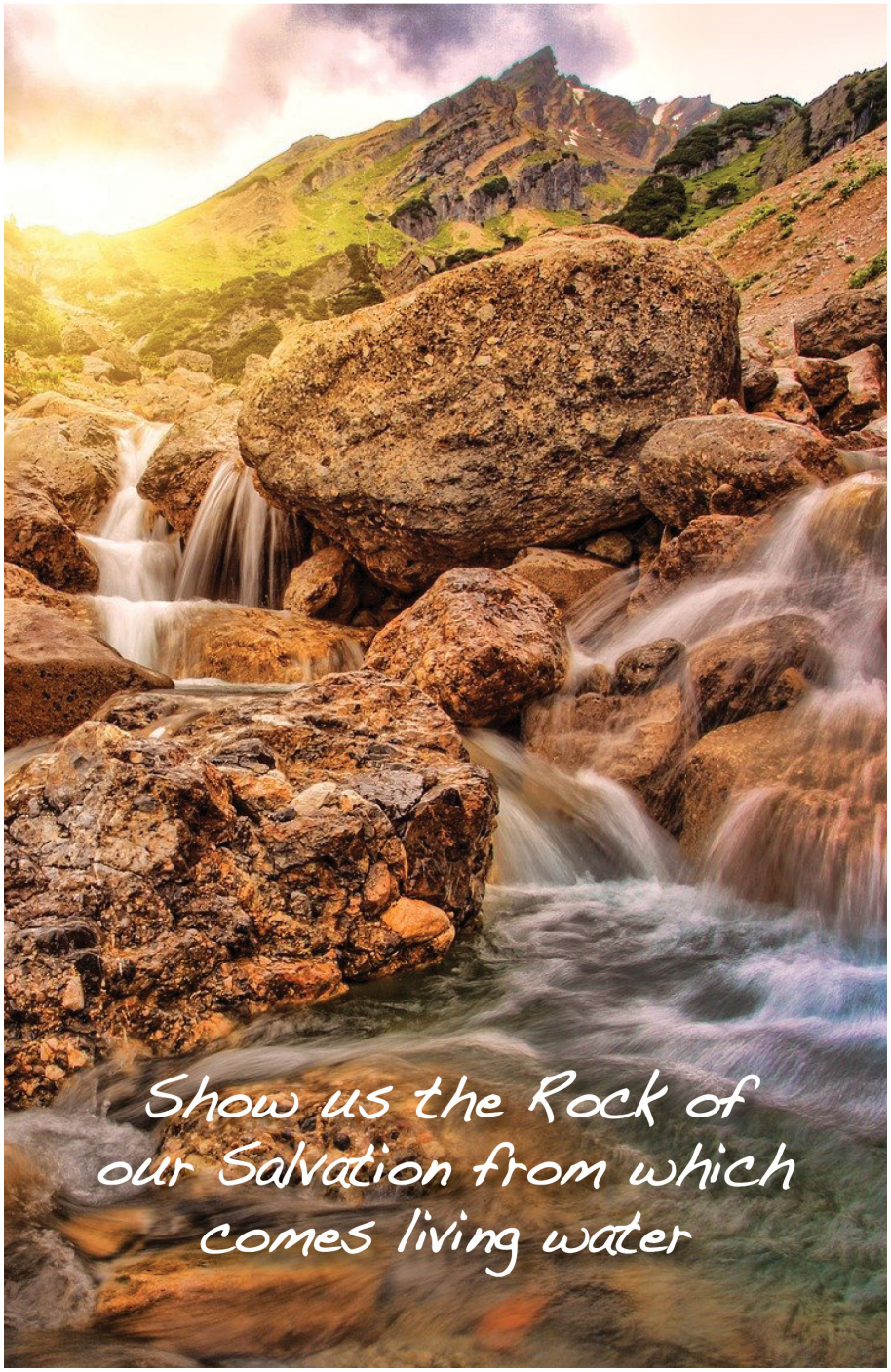

Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

March 15, 2020
Show us the Rock that brings living water
"Sir, give me this water..'" - John 4:15a

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *O Lamb of God All-Holy* HWB #146/Max Reger
Choral Call to Worship – *We Praise Thee O God* arr. Kliewer
Welcome and Call to Worship (from Psalm 95) Tim Graber
L: Come, let's sing out loud to the Lord!
P: Let's raise a joyful shout to the Rock of our Salvation!
L: Come, you who are thirsty and can find no water in the desert.
P: We bring our questions, our complaints, to the Rock of our Salvation!
L: Come and see the One who speaks to us of living water.
P: Show us who you are and who we are, O Jesus.
ALL: Let's raise a joyful shout to the Rock of our Salvation!

PRAISING GOD

* Hymn of Praise – *Lord, I am fondly, earnestly* HWB #514
Greetings and Announcements
Offering our gifts – Mennonite Church USA
Offertory – *Da Jesus an dem Kreuze stund* Samuel Scheidt
* Song – *Praise God from whom* (HWB #119) & Offertory Prayer

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Hearing the Old Testament Exodus 17:1-7
Children's Story Janelle Ortman
Special Music – *What Wondrous Love Is This* arr. Moyer
* Hearing the Gospel John 4:5-42
Sermon – "Thirsting" Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Reading "Your life is ajar" Gwen Ortman
Confession
God of living waters, we confess that we have often turned from you and wandered in our own wilderness of fear and doubt. Our thirst mounts daily, and we turn to many things we believe will satisfy us. In the silence of this moment, we name those things.
Song – *Jesus, Rock of ages* HWB #515
Sharing and Congregational Prayer
* Sending Song – *Oh, have you not heard* HWB #606
* Benediction
* Choral Benediction – *The Blessing of Aaron* arr. Rodby

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

When all we can see of our lives is a pile of stones in the desert, or a deep well of pain, God shows us there is water deep within the rocks and wells – the Living Water of God's love. We rejoice in the Rock of our Salvation and we are so glad you are here with us.

Greeters: Orville & Janelle Ortman; **Organist:** Lisa Kaufman; **Special Music:** Men's Choir

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School
10:10 a.m. – Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

THIS WEEK

Mar. 16 (Mon) 7:00 p.m. – Worship Committee meeting
Mar. 18 (Wed) 7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir rehearsal
Mar. 19 (Thurs) 7:00 p.m. – Deacons meeting

NEXT SUNDAY – March 22

Next Sunday we continue the Lenten series "***Show Us***" and the focus is "*Show us our blindness."* The scriptures are I Samuel 16:1-13, Ps. 23, Ephesians 5:8-14, Jn. 9:1-41 and Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Greeters: Renee Hartman and Sharon Wollmann; **Organist:** Dan Graber; **Offering:** Mennonite Disaster Service; **Special Music:** Chancel Choir

COMING EVENTS

March 25 – Chancel Choir rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Jordan Ortman and Kirsten Carpenter were united in marriage last Sunday in Colorado.
- Paul Engbrecht continues to monitor the small mass that is on his lung. He will have an appointment on Monday to learn more about what it is and what they can do. Keep Paul and Darlene in your prayers.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Eva Goosen.
- Paul and Darlene as they navigate through these days of learning and discovering.
- Jordan and Kirsten as they begin their married life together.
- all the people, places, and businesses that are experiencing struggle and challenge due to the coronavirus.
- all the healthcare workers, nurses, doctors, medical volunteers, and all folks working for public health.
- Central Plains congregations that are in the midst of pastoral searches.

Remember to thank God for:

- each day that we are given, to be Light and Love in God's Kingdom.
- all the miraculous ways that God has given us drink, even from unsuspecting places.

Church or No Church? As of now, we are continuing to have worship on Sunday mornings at Salem-Zion. Mennonite World Conference is encouraging all Anabaptist and Mennonite congregations to unite in prayer and also exercise precautionary measures in the church. Following the advice of the World Health Organization (WHO), we urge you to wash your hands frequently with water and soap. While in church, refrain from hand shaking, hugging or other gestures that might transmit the virus. We ask that you do not come to worship if you feel sick or have a fever. We don't want to play into the fear that we see in the world, but we also want to take coronavirus seriously. The deacons and Pastor Corey will continue to monitor our worship experiences and church activities, trusting, knowing and believing that God is with us and is fully aware of what we need.

Holy Week Services at Salem-Zion Mennonite (April 5-8)

This year we are hosting the traditional Holy Week services and we are blessed to have Rachel Miller Jacobs be our keynote preacher. Rachel teaches at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary and is a dynamic speaker.

Voices Together Update: To date, some $1600 has been raised for our *Voices Together* worship books for Salem-Zion. Thank you! This includes a generous donation of $800 from our youth and other individual contributions. At the recent Ad Board meeting, it was decided to use some funds from the Organ and Music Fund to also contribute to this cause. We still need more contributions to cover these important worship resources. The ballot box remains in the foyer and you can write out checks to **Salem-Zion Mennonite Church** and earmark your checks "*Voices Together*."

- The Worship Committee

Attention coffee lovers and socializers! It is very nice to see all the fun everyone is having during our coffee time at Salem-Zion. We could really use help in **making coffee and baking a goodie**, which everyone enjoys. Sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

Household Treasury Report 3rd Sunday of month Balance: $5,392.90
The household treasury pays for salaries, electric/heating bills, Sunday school materials, The Mennonite and Upper Room, taxes, insurance, maintenance, dues and fees, office supplies, etc. The average monthly expenses for the Household Treasury are around $15,000. We greatly appreciate your giving and generosity towards these needs to keep our Salem-Zion community functioning! Thank you so much!

Community Connections

Rural Revival will meet at 8:00 p.m. on March 23 in the Freeman Public Library, downtown Freeman. All are welcome to attend. The education topic for this month will be cold climate grape growing by David Graber.

The **Schmeckfest Country Kitchen** is asking for donations of food items for March 20, 21 and 27, 28. Poppy seed rolls, fruit pockets, pumpkin rolls, caramel rolls, jams, horseradish and summer savory sell especially well. Donated food items for the Country Kitchen may be brought to Sterling Hall and should be labeled. Thank you!

Voices of Conscience premiered at the National World War I Museum in Kansas City during the "Remembering Muted Voices: Conscience, Dissent, Resistance and Civil Liberties in World War I through Today" Symposium, October 19-22, 2017. This traveling exhibit created by the Kauffman Museum in North Newton, KS, remembers the witness of peace-minded people against the First World War 1914-1918. After touring across North America, the exhibit will be open to the public at the historic Bethel Mennonite Church on the campus of Heritage Hall Museum & Archives in Freeman from March 20 through April 26. A museum admission fee of $8.00 adults/$4.00 students (gr. 1-12) permits entrance to the exhibit and all museum property.

Attention all **MCC Alumni,** make plans now to join MCC at an alumni weekend at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, August 7-9! More information and a link to the camp registration is now available at mcc.org/alumni-gathering. Questions, please reach out to jordanpenner@mcc.org or 316-727-6837. We're looking forward to a fun weekend together!

Please join MCC Central States in our first **Young Adult Immigration Learning Tour**, May 25-29. MCC invites young adults age 18-30 to South Texas to raise awareness about the increasing migrant deaths, militarization, environment degradation, effects on habitat and effects on sister communities near the border wall along the Mexico/U.S. border. Participants will increase their understanding and knowledge of the social, economic, political and biblical/theological significance of migration in border communities, including advocacy tools and capacity building to engage others on borderlands and migration issues. Some grants may be available to interested participants with financial need. For registration or to inquire about a grant, please contact Abby Endashaw, 720-500-3413, abbyendashaw@mcc.org. Final Registration Deadline April 1, 2020.

God's Peace at Lent
"Nothing, how little so ever it be, if it is suffered for God's sake, can pass without merit in the sight of God." - Thomas a Kempis

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