



Salem Mennonite Church

A Congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

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I. GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

“Voluntary G Major” – Walond

Call to Worship (*from 1 John 2:24-28*)

Leader: Whoever confesses Jesus Christ the Son has his Father also.
Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what
you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will
abide in the Son and in the Father.

People: **And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life.**

Leader: The anointing that you received from him abides in you, and
teaches you everything true, and teaches you to abide in him.

People: **Let us abide in Christ, to be confident in him at his coming!**

Opening Hymn

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus” —MH #308

Opening Prayer

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Worship Music

“Come Christians, Join to Sing! – arr. Kempton
Paul Balzer, soloist

Confession & Reconciliation (*from Psalm 80*)

Leader: O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your
people's prayers?

People: **Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!
We have fed on the bread of tears and drunk tears in full
measure. We have borne fruit for wild beasts of forest and
field to forage, to feed forces of this world, rather than for
you. Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we
may be saved!**

Leader: Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted, You brought a vine out of Egypt; you cleared ground for it and planted it. Deepen our roots and fill the land with your vineyard, so that the mountains are covered with shade, the mighty cedars with its branches, even branches out to the sea.

II. HEARING GOD'S WORD

Anthem

“Nothing But the Blood of Jesus” – arr. Courtney Anne Waltner, violin

Children's Time

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 27:2-6; John 15:1-8

Sermon

“Abiding Fruitfully”

Hymn of Response

“O Blessed Spring” – STS (purple) #100

III. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST

Announcements & Offerings

- Today's **Worship offering**: Central Plains Mennonite Conference
- Today's **Sunday school offering**: Camper Scholarships
- **Children's Offering**: Heifer International

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Closing Hymn

“Thou True Vine” – HWB #373

Benediction

Now, Children of God, abide in Christ, and bear much fruit, to the glory of God. Amen.

Postlude

“Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won” —Walther

Greeters: Linda Graber and Vernetta Waltner; **Worship Leader:** Peggy Waltner; **Musicians:** Heather Haggerty (organist), Chancel Choir, Linda Schrag & Barb Yoder (piano); **Speaker:** Pastor Spencer; **Children's Time:** David Graber; **Coffee:** Conference Room Class

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

We welcome all who are worshiping with us this morning! Coffee is available in the fellowship hall following the worship service. There are small cups with lids for children to use.

THIS WEEK

Wed. (1st) – Monthly Day of Prayer & Fasting, **7:30 p.m.** – Prayer Meeting

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85365395504>
- **Meeting ID:** 853 6539 5504 **Passcode:** prayer2020
- One tap mobile +13462487799,,85365395504# US (Houston)
- Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 **Meeting ID:** 853 6539 5504

NEXT SUNDAY, May 5

Speaker: Pastor Spencer; **Worship Leader:** Everett Waltner; **Musicians:** Kaye Waltner (pianist), Ladies' Ensemble; **Greeters:** Brad & Kris Carlson; **Coffee:** Class #18

Worship Offering: Vacation Bible School

Sunday school Offering: Salem Sunday School

Children's Offering: Heifer International

COMING EVENTS

May 9 – Church Council Meeting

May 10 – Fellowship Hall Reserved for Shad Tschetter Graduation Reception
Handbell Refurbishment in the Conference Room & North Parking Lot

May 19 – Congregational Conversation & Potluck

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

I will be starting my thru-hike of the Pacific Crest Trail soon and I would love for you to follow along. I'll be posting videos on my YouTube channel: @kleenexhikes. Feel free to subscribe so you get all my videos. The PCT is a 2,650 mile hike from the Mexican border to the Canadian border through California, Oregon and Washington. I expect it to take around 6 months. My dad and sister will be sending some packages to me while I hike, so if you have something small or homemade that you'd like to send you can give it to them to send. They have a list of suggestions. In 2012 I hiked the Appalachian Trail for Swan Lake Christian Camp and I'm excited to take on this adventure. I ask for prayers along this journey. Thanks so much! ~ Renee Neufeld

Conference Delegates needed for Central Plains Conference Annual Meeting taking place in Wayland, IA at Sugar Creek Mennonite Church on June 20-23. Our church is allowed to take 7 delegates plus our pastor. If you are interested in attending as a delegate, please contact Vernetta by May 1.

THANK YOU to the ladies who helped with kit bags and comforters on our work day! We appreciate your willingness to help people in need. Mission/Service Project Team.

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner! This year the joint North and South Church VBS will be held at the North Church on June 3-7 starting at 9:00 AM and ending at 1:15 PM. We are looking for classroom teachers as well as volunteers to help with snacks, music, rec, and drama. If you are interested and willing to help in any capacity, please talk to Bailey Carlson or Libby Miller. There are registration forms and a parent letter in the narthex.

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

C. Thomas Shay, who is presenting "A Prairie Love Affair" at Heritage Hall Museum & Archives (HHM&A) in Freeman on Sunday evening, April 28, will also be signing copies of his recently published book, "Under Prairie Skies." The book, which is on sale at the HHM&A Mercantile, explores the plants and native peoples of the Northern Plains, which is the theme of his illustrated program that starts at 7 p.m. in the historical Bethel Church.

The museum will be open for guests before the program; doors will open at 3 p.m. Museum admission will include the evening program. Admission for the program only will be charged at the door. Admission is free for HHM&A members.

Are you missing your brothers and sisters from Central Plains? You'll get to see them soon! Come to Wayland, IA on June 20-23 for Annual Meeting 2024. Our theme is "How can we know the way?" Children, youth, and adults welcome! Register by May 31 to get early bird rates! www.centralplainsmc.org

The Freeman Network for Justice and Peace will meet Wednesday, May 8 at 11:30 A.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

The Freeman Ministerial Assoc. invites you to the 2024 **Community Baccalaureate Service** for Freeman High and Freeman Academy. It will be held on Sunday, May 5 at 4:00 pm, at the Freeman Community Center. Join us as we celebrate this milestone in the lives of our graduates, and invite God's blessing on their future endeavors. This year's speaker is Pastor Stuart Curry, of the Salem M.B. Church. If you are not able to join us in person, we invite you to join us online, as the event will be live streamed at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/@salemzionmennonitechurch8051>.

Following the service, we extend a warm invitation for you to join us for a taco luncheon. It's a perfect opportunity to continue celebrating our graduates.

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am/ Sunday School – Following Worship
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