



# Salem Mennonite Church

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## **I. GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

**Prelude** "Blessed by Your Name/All Hail the Power of Jesus' name"  
Matt & Beth Redman/arr. Tornquist  
"Faith of Our Fathers" – arr. Lorie Line

### **Call to Worship** (*Psalm 119:169-172*)

Leader: Let my cry come before you, O LORD.

**People: Give me understanding according to your word!**

Leader: Let my plea come before you.

**People: Deliver me according to your word!**

Leader: My lips will pour forth praise, for you teach me your statutes.

**People: My tongue will sing of your word, for all your commandments are right.**

**Opening Hymn** "Come, Let Us All Unite to sing"— HWB #12

**Opening Prayer**

**Welcome & Greeting One Another**

### **Confession & Reconciliation** (*Psalm 119:173-176; Isaiah 41:8-10*)

Leader: Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts.

**People: I long for your salvation, O LORD, and your law is my delight. I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments. Let my soul live and praise you, and let your decrees help me.**

Leader: You are my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend; you whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, "You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off!" Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

## II. HEARING GOD'S WORD

Anthem

"Be Thou My Vision" – arr. Fetteke

Children's Time

Scripture Reading

I John 4:7-21; John 15:9-17

Sermon

Hymn of Response

"Where Charity and Love Prevail" – insert

## III. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST

**Announcements & Offerings**

- Today's **Worship offering**: Vacation Bible School
- Today's **Sunday school offering**: Salem Sunday School
- **Children's Offering**: Heifer International

Mission Moment

Randy Detweiler

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

## IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Closing Hymn

"Heart with Loving Heart United" – HWB #420

Benediction

Children of the Father, abide in love; friends of Christ, be filled with joy; sisters and brothers in the Spirit, love one another, and go in peace.

Postlude

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

## 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.

**4:00 p.m.** – The **Community Baccalaureate Service** for Freeman High and Freeman Academy will be held at the Freeman Community Center. This year's speaker is Pastor Stuart Curry, of the Salem M.B. Church. If you can't attend in person, you can join the service online at <https://www.youtube.com/@salemzionmennonitechurch8051>. Following the service, we extend a warm invitation for you to join us for a taco luncheon.

## **THIS WEEK**

**Thurs. (9<sup>th</sup>), 7:30 p.m.** – Church Council Meeting

**Fri. (10<sup>th</sup>), All Day** – Fellowship Hall Reserved for Shad Tschetter Graduation Reception

Handbell Refurbishment in the Conference Room & North Parking Lot

## **NEXT SUNDAY, May 12**

**Speaker:** Pastor Spencer; **Worship Leader:** Dennis Ries; **Musicians:** Debra Schmeichel (organist), Sunday School Children; **Greeters:** Brad & Kris Carlson;

**Coffee:** Class #18

**Worship Offering:** General Fund

**Sunday school Offering:** Children's Home Shelter for Family Safety

**Children's Offering:** Heifer International

## **COMING EVENTS**

**May 19** – Congregational Conversation & Potluck

## **SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES**

**The general fund is not as robust** as it once was. Please prayerfully consider this when our next general fund offering comes up on May 12th and subsequent general fund offerings. Thank you, Trustees

**It is time to renew our group subscription** to Anabaptist World. The publication would like the group recipient list updated by June 1<sup>st</sup> as that is when they will invoice us for the next year. If you would like to continue receiving Anabaptist World or would like to be added to the list please contact Lee Brockmueller as soon as you can. Also, let him know of any address changes. The cost remains at \$39 per subscription.

**Vern Schrag (Kingman, KS)** has completed a study on the Swiss Volhynian immigration to America in 1874 and has made it available to the congregation. A copy of his study is available on the table in the narthex. You are welcome to take it home to look, but please don't keep it very long.

**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**

**The annual Freeman Regional Hospital Auxiliary** fund drive is during the month of May. In each mail box is a pamphlet explaining our efforts. You can donate online (scan the QR code) or make checks out to FRHS Auxiliary. I am also available to deliver your checks. Donations are greatly appreciated. Dawn Stahl

**The Et Cetera Shoppe is exploring the possibility** of starting a furniture pick-up service. Furniture is one of the things that many of our customers need most – and, larger items help us to raise more money for relief! We are seeking strong volunteers, and potential delivery pickup trucks, to help us make this happen. If you'd be willing to help us bring this idea to life, PLEASE reach out to us at the shop to let us know (925-7098). We do not envision this being much of a time commitment, and pick-ups would be scheduled when it works for YOU. Thank you!

**Central Plains Annual Meeting** isn't just for delegates and pastors (although if you are a delegate, youth delegate or pastor and haven't registered--register now!)--All are invited to Wayland, IA, June 20-23 to worship, learn, fellowship and discern together! Visit our website to learn more and to register by June 10!  
[www.centralplainsmc.org](http://www.centralplainsmc.org)

**The May issue of** the Swan Lake Christian Camp newsletter is now available online. <https://myslcc.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/May-newsletter-2024.pdf>

**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.

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Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am/ Sunday School – Following Worship  
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## **Where Charity and Love Prevail**

(9th cent. Latin hymn, trans. Omer Westendorf,  
1961, alt. Kevin McCarter)

1 Where charity and love prevail,  
There God is ever found;  
Brought here together by Christ's love,  
By love we thus are bound.

2 With grateful joy and holy fear,  
true charity we learn;  
Let us with heart and mind and strength  
Now love Christ in return.

3 Let us recall that in our midst  
Dwells Christ God's holy Son;  
As members of His body joined,  
We are in Him made one.

4 Forgive we now each other's faults  
As we our own confess,  
That we may love each other well  
In Christian gentleness.

5 Let strife among us be unknown,  
Let all contention cease.  
Be God's the glory that we seek;  
Be ours his holy peace.