



Salem Mennonite Church

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I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE

Prelude *Adoro te devote* – arr. Held
Panis Angelicus (Bread of Angels) – arr. Franck

Choral Call to Worship *All Creatures of Our God and King* – arr. Hayes

Call to Worship (*Psalm 78:1-4*)

My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things,
things from of old things we have heard and known,
things our ancestors have told us.

**We will not hide them from their descendants;
we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,
his power, and the wonders he has done.**

Invocation Prayer

Opening Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy* – HWB # 120

Greeting and Welcoming Each Other

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Grace (*from Psalm 69*)

Save us, O God, for the waters have come up to our neck.
We sink in the miry depths, where there is no foothold.
I have come into the deep waters; the floods engulf me.

I am worn out calling for help; my throat is parched.

My eyes fail, looking for my God.

You, God, know my folly; my guilt is not hidden from you.

But I pray to you, LORD, in the time of your favor;

in your great love, O God, answer me with your sure salvation.

Rescue me from the mire, do not let me sink;

**Do not let the floodwaters engulf me or the depths swallow me up
or the pit close its mouth over me.**

**Answer me, LORD, out of the goodness of your love; in your great mercy
turn to me. Do not hide your face from your servant; answer me quickly,
for I am in trouble.**

Come near and rescue me; may your salvation, God, protect me.

I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving.

The LORD hears the needy and does not despise his captive people.
Let heaven and earth praise God, the seas and all that move in them!

HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Scripture Readings Numbers 12:1-8 (NIV); Isaiah 6:1-13 (NIV)

Anthem *Be Thou My Vision* – arr. Hayes

Scripture Reading Matthew 13:10-17, 31-35 (NIV)

Sermon *Hidden Seed*

II. RECEIVING THE SPIRIT, JOINED IN CHRIST'S BODY

Offertory Doxology (Old 100th – HWB 119)

Announcements and Offerings

- **Today's Worship offering:**
- **Today's Sunday school offering:**
- **Children's Offering:** Weekend School Lunch Bag Program

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

III. RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn *You Are Salt for the Earth* – HWB # 226

Benediction

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things
that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your
life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then
you also will appear with him in glory.

Choral Benediction *Do Lord, Remember Me* – arr. Mauldin

Postlude

Speaker: Spencer Bradford; **Worship Leader:** Gregg Waltner; **Musicians:** Deb Schmeichel (organist); Annie & Polly Carlson and Brennan & Stephen Waltner; Anne Waltner (accompanist); **Greeters:** Brian and Wendy Miller; **Coffee:** Ray Neufeld & Everett Waltner

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

PCRT is meeting today at noon in the fellowship hall. Feel free to share any concerns or affirmations with the team members: Cheryle Gering, Matthew Waltner and Vernetta Waltner.

NEXT SUNDAY, June 21, 2026

Speaker: Spencer Bradford; **Worship Leader:** Lee Brockmueller; **Greeters:** Brian and Wendy Miller; **Musicians:** Sharla Unruh (organist); **Coffee:** Spencer Bradford and Stephen Waltner; **Scriptures:** Isaiah 17:4-11; 1 Timothy 6:3-10; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

THIS WEEK

Friday & Saturday, June 19 & 20 – Reserved both days

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 21, 5:00-6:00 p.m. – Prairie Arboretum Open House

Thursday-Sunday, June 25-28 – Central Plains Conference/Mt. Lake, MN

Sunday, July 5, 10:00 a.m. – Community Church Service at the Community Center

S. Roy Kaufman is preaching. **There will be NO CHURCH SERVICE HERE**

Sunday, July 12, 12:00 – Lunch & 1st Summer Study session on Evangelism

Thursday, July 16 – Serve at the Yankton Banquet

Saturday, July 17-18 – SD MCC Sale on Freeman Academy Campus

Saturday, July 18, 5:00-8:00 p.m. – FJC/FA Athletic Reunion

SOUTH CHURCH NOTES

Stet Mutchelknaus and Kera Graber will be married on Saturday, June 20 in our church sanctuary. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin a life together.

Worship music scheduling underway: With choir season coming to an end, the music team will now be scheduling special music for our Sunday worship services. This is the time to offer your musical talents and share your gifts with the congregation. If you are willing to provide a solo, duet or organize a small group, either vocal or instrumental, please contact Kathy Kleinsasser or any of the music team members. Any suggestions of musicians to contact would be appreciated. We will have occasional congregational singing to fill in on Sundays as needed.

Community Notes

Rural Revival to meet Wednesday, June 24 at 7:30 pm at the Freeman library for the annual meeting, board annual reorganization and election of officers. All are welcome to attend.

Reminder from the MCC Relief Sale: the deadline for registering items for the live auction and silent auction is tomorrow, June 15. Request a form for the live auction by contacting Edie Tschetter at 925-7009 (cell 605-660-2714) or by email at SDMCCReliefSale@gmail.com. No registration form is needed for the silent auction. Both auctions are limited to 25 items. Thank you.

The Freeman Prairie Arboretum is hosting an open house on Sunday, June 21 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at the Visitors Center to celebrate the unveiling of a new installation called Story Boards by artists Bryan Saner and Teresa Pankratz. Story Boards is an assembly of nine illustrated live edge sections telling stories about the Arboretum and the land it occupies. The Open House will include a Question & Answer segment with the artists beginning at 5:40 p.m.

Central Plains Conference is excited to have the Mary Swander play *Coop* (<https://maryswander.com/coop/>), coming to our CPMC Annual Meeting this June. Mary is a former Iowa Poet Laureate and has written numerous plays which have been produced in many locations across the Midwest and around the world. This one-person professional play will be staged on Friday, June 26 at 8:00 pm at Bethel Mennonite Church in Mt Lake, MN by actor Rip Russell. While the play is centered on the story of one Amish conscientious objector (CO) during World War II, it weaves in many other stories of COs during the 20th century. The play invites us to consider what it means for us to faithfully follow Jesus, and we invite people to take advantage of this opportunity to continue to wrestle with our faith in the 21st century. The play is open to everyone, and admission is free (any donations will help to offset costs).

Freeman Junior College & Freeman Academy Alumni, Coaches and their families are invited to attend a reunion on the evening of July 18 to celebrate the legacy of 120+ years of athletics on campus. There will be fellowship, food and fun – opportunities for informal games, friendly competition, team photos, and time to tour the campus. Join us after the MCC Sale starting with campus tours at 3:30 p.m. Food for purchase will be available from Armando's Tacos. If anyone has questions or input, please contact Nathan Epp at 605-929-4716 or Vernetta Waltner at 605-321-7351.

Freeman Academy is thankful for the ongoing prayers and support of so many individuals in your church and in our community. As we continue the process of closure, we are **seeking volunteers who would be willing to help with various tasks around campus.** Many of these tasks involve sorting, organizing, and inventorying. Interested? You may contact Vince Green: vgreen@freemanacademy.org directly or call the school office. Our office is open 9 AM - 3 PM Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

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