



Salem Mennonite Church

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October 4, 2026

I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE

Prelude

Call to Worship (from Isaiah 55)

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good with delight.
Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant.
Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their ways, and the unrighteous their thoughts;
return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on you,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

**For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.**

**For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

**For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

Invocation Prayer

Opening Hymn

Extol the Love of Christ – Insert (MH#410)

Greeting and Welcoming Each Other

Confession of Sin

STS #172

Anthem

You Do Not Walk Alone – Elaine Hagenberg

II. HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Scripture Readings Matthew 26:26-30; Matthew 28:16-20; John 3:16-18

Sermon

Visioning a New World

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

Hymn of Response *In Christ There is no East or West* – HWB #306

Announcements and Offerings

- **Today's Worship offering:** Central Plains Mennonite Conference
- **Today's Sunday school offering:** Salem Church Sunday School
- **Children's Offering:** Oyate Hope Academy

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing Bread and Cup from the Lord's Table

IV. RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn

Sent Forth – HWB #478

Benediction

STS #200

Postlude

Speaker: Bob Engbrecht; **Worship Leader:** Gregg Waltner; **Musicians:** Barb Yoder (pianist); Victoria Boese, Katelyn Hurley, Laura Nettifee (special music); Sharla Unruh (accompanist); **Greeters:** Brad and Kris Carlson; **Coffee:** Conference Room Class

TODAY

Sunday, October 4, 3:00 p.m. – Seminar on Funeral Preparation and Planning

Sunday, October 4, 4:30 p.m. – Seminar on Stewardship/Lyle Miller (Everence)

THE CHURCH AT WORK

NEXT SUNDAY, October 11, 2026

Speaker: Spencer Bradford; **Worship Leader:** Brooklyn Ries; **Greeters:** Brad and Kris Carlson; **Musicians:** Deb Schmeichel (organist); Libby Miller (special music); **Coffee:** Conference Room Class **Scriptures:** Isaiah 2:1-5, 11:11-12:6; 1 Timothy 2:1-6; Matthew 22:1-14

Worship Offering: General Fund

Sunday School Offering: FRHS Assisted Living

Children's Offering: Oyate Hope Academy

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, October 6, 7:30 p.m. – Prayers and Fasting

<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

Saturday, October 10, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Open FA building tours

4:00-6:00 p.m. Alumni & Friends Choir rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Historical Presentation – in Pioneer Hall

Sunday, October 11, 2:00 p.m. – Special Worship Service in Pioneer Hall

Including special speakers and Alumni & Friends Choir

4:00 p.m. – Open FA building tours

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, October 13, 7:00 p.m. – Christian Formation Meeting

Sunday, October 18 – Host Mission Sunday with North Church as guests

Sunday October 25 – Congregation Conversations & Lunch

SOUTH CHURCH NOTES

Sunday, Oct. 4, South Church will offer two seminars on stewardship and end-of-life preparation. **At 3:00 p.m.**, Nathan Walter will speak about funeral preparation and planning. **At 4:30 p.m.**, Lyle Miller of Everence will speak about planned giving (bequests, life insurance, trusts, and other gifts of assets) and there will be a report on South Church's Endowment Fund.

On Sunday, Oct. 18, Jonah and Memee Yang, from the Voice of Hope mission organization in southeast Asia, will speak at the **joint Salem & Salem-Zion Mennonite Church service**, hosted by South Church. The morning worship service with the Yangs will begin at 9:30 a.m., and mission presentations by the Yangs for adults and children will follow at 11:00. All are invited to a fellowship lunch following the mission program.

Lee and Marilyn Brockmueller's new address is 210 E. 3rd St. Freeman, SD.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Celebrating Freeman Academy's 123-year Faith Legacy: Everyone is invited to attend and participate in a weekend of activities that celebrates FA/FJC's faith legacy at Pioneer Hall.

On Saturday, October 10, the Ad Building and Music Hall will be open for all to wander the halls and reminisce from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

All alumni and friends are invited to come to a choir rehearsal from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in Pioneer Hall. Please email or contact Dan Graber ([graber.dan@gmail](mailto:graber.dan@gmail.com)) 605 370-1504 so he knows how much music to get. Tim Waltner will give a historical presentation at 7:00 p.m. in Pioneer Hall.

A special worship service will happen on Sunday afternoon October 11 at 2:00 p.m. at Pioneer Hall with special speakers Leroy Saner, Pam Tieszen, and Nathan Epp sharing reflections. A time of fellowship will follow and the Ad building and Music Hall will be open for viewing until 5:30 p.m. Here is the livestream link: <https://www.youtube.com/@freemanacademy1302>

Bethel College's 2026 Fall Fest is Oct. 14-18, with most activities taking place Saturday, Oct. 17, on campus. Features include music, food, class reunions, football (Bethel vs. Tabor), the musical *The Spitfire Grill* by James Valcq and Fred Alley, an artist and exhibit reception for Professor Emeritus of Art Bob Regier, and a 75th-anniversary celebration of the Bethel-Wuppertal student exchange.

On Sunday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. rehearsals will begin for the Swiss Choral Society in preparation of John Rutter's *Requiem*. Rehearsals will take place at Salem-Zion Mennonite and scores will be provided. All singers are encouraged to attend!

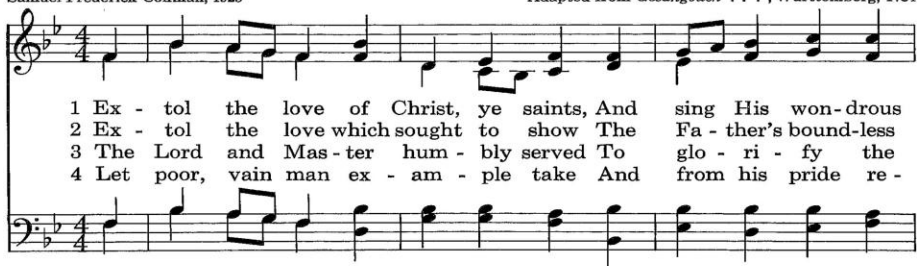
On Sunday, Oct 25 – The film **“The Voice of Hind Rajab,”** winner of the “Silver Lion Grand Jury Prize” at the 2025 film festival, will be shown Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at the Interpretive Center in Freeman. This film is sponsored by The Freeman Network for Justice and Peace.

EXTOL THE LOVE OF CHRIST

ELLACOMBE C.M.D.

Samuel Frederick Coffman, 1925

Adapted from *Gesangbuch . . .*, Württemberg, 1784



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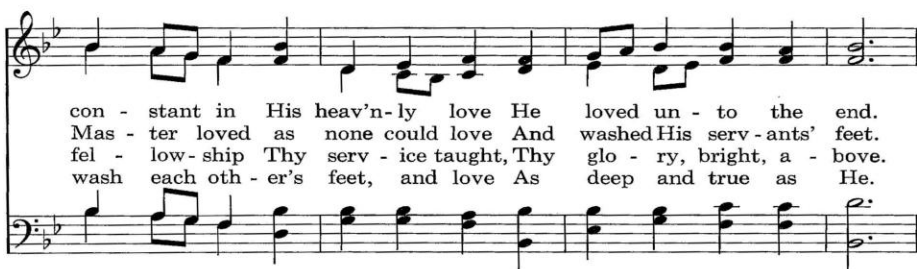
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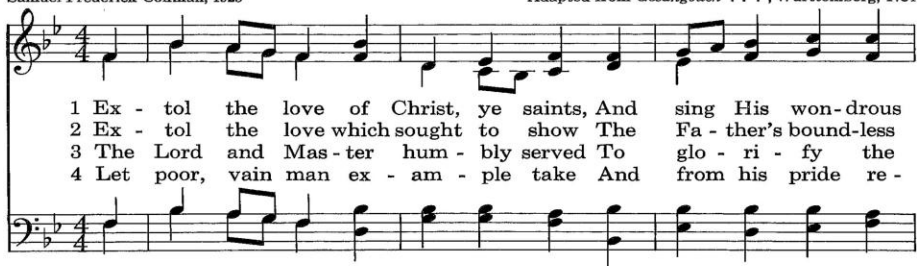
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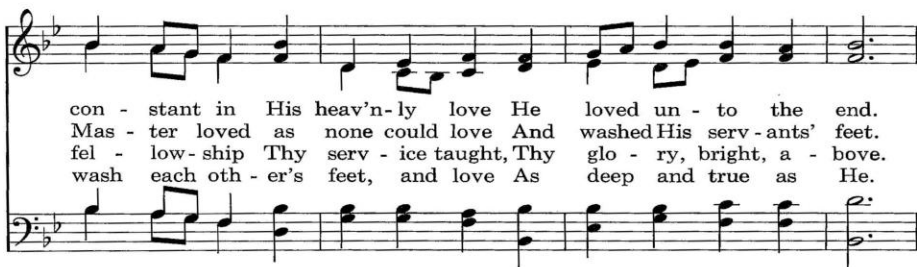
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