



Salem Mennonite Church

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I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE

Prelude

Shall We Gather at the River -- Woods

Call to Worship (from 2 Chronicles 6:13-21)

O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven or on earth, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart.

Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, how much less this house we built. Yet have regard to the prayer of your servants, O LORD our God, listening to our cry and to the prayer that your servants offer before you, that your eyes may be open day and night toward this house, that you may listen to the prayer that your servants offer in this place.

Listen to the pleas of your servants, your people, when we pray.

Listen from heaven your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.

Invocation Prayer

Opening Hymn

To God Be The Glory – HWB #102

Greeting and Welcoming Each Other

MDS Update – Craig Wollman

Confession of Sin (from 2 Chronicles 6:22-40)

O God in heaven, we confess we have sinned against you, yet we turn again from our sin to praise your name and to pray to you in this house.

We repent of our sin and plead from our captivity, O Lord. We have sinned and acted rebelliously and unjustly. Hear our plea and forgive the sin of your people, your servants, and teach us the good way, to walk in your paths, for we repent with all our heart and soul. You know each heart, the afflictions and sorrows of each of us, according to all our ways, both guilty and righteous; instruct us that we may revere you and follow you all our days.

Hear from heaven and keep us; forgive your people who have sinned.

There is no one who does not sin, O God, so let your eyes be open and your ears attentive to our prayer in this place.

II. HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Scripture Readings 1 Samuel 8:4-11, 17-20 (ESV); 1 Peter 1:3-9, 13-19 (NIV)

Sermon

Disciples, War, and the New Testament

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

Announcements and Offerings

- **Today's Worship offering:** Swan Lake Christian Camp
- **Today's Sunday school offering:** Bethany Food Pantry
- **Children's Offering:** Oyate Hope Academy

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

IV. RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn

A Mighty Fortress is Our God – HWB #165

Benediction (from 2 Chronicles 6:27b, 6:41-7:3)

And now arise, O LORD God, and clothe your priestly people with salvation.

Let your saints rejoice in your goodness, grant rain upon the land you have given. Remember us in your steadfast love for your Messiah, your Servant, and let us give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Go in peace, to revere the LORD and to walk in his good ways.

Postlude

Prayer — arr. Spong

Speaker: Michael Snow; **Worship Leader:** Peggy Waltner; **Musicians:** Heather Haggerty (organist); Alison Neufeld (special music); **Greeters:** Vernetta Waltner and Linda Graber; **Coffee:** Brad and Kris Carlson

THE CHURCH AT WORK

NEXT SUNDAY, September 6, 2026

Speaker: Spencer Bradford; **Worship Leader:** LaVonne Brockmueller; **Greeters:** Brad and Kris Carlson; **Musicians:** Linda Schrag (pianist); **Coffee:** Youngish Adult Class; **Scriptures:** Leviticus 19:1-18, 32-37; 1 Peter 2:8-17; Matthew 22:34-40

Worship Offering: Freeman Academy

Sunday School Offering: South Church Sunday School

Children's Offering: Oyate Hope Academy

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, September 1, 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

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, September 9, 11:30 a.m. – Freeman Network for Justice & Peace

Saturday & Sunday, September 19-20 – Women's Retreat at SLCC

Sunday, October 4 – Communion Service in the church sanctuary

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

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

Sunday October 25 – Congregation Conversations & Lunch

SOUTH CHURCH NOTES

The new photo church directories may be picked up following morning service today. Cost is \$20 (if you haven't already paid).

Mark your calendars: the evening of Sunday, September 20 (time TBD), the congregation is invited to an outdoor fall gathering at Brad and Kris Carlson's farm. Bring a lawn chair, blanket, and a beverage if you like. Make a s'more around the firepit, play some lawn games, or just sit and visit! When the sun goes down, we'll be showing an outdoor movie - one of the Carlson family's all-time favorites! Brad will make plenty of popcorn. Come for all or just part of the evening, but whatever you do, please come!

MCC SCHOOL KITS: MCC has challenged churches and individuals to donate 30,000 school kits this summer. Our church plans to participate in helping MCC meet this goal. Following is a list of supplies for each kit: 4 spiral or perforated-page notebooks (70 sheets each), 8 new **unsharpened** pencils, 1 flat ruler (must indicate 30cm markings; inch markings optional), 12 colored pencils (in packaging), 1 large eraser, 4 new black or blue ball point pens, 1 small **all metal-no plastic parts** pencil sharpener (1 or 2 holes). Information and a list of kit items are on display in the narthex. Monetary donations can be given to Lee Brockmueller for school kits or purchase supplies at your convenience. Thank you for your support of this project!

The Trustees are asking for financial help from the congregation. Four west windows on the church were broken in a storm earlier this year. Replacement costs will be about \$8,500. If you would like to contribute to this project, please give your donation to David G, one of the trustees or earmark it windows and give it to Lee B. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Join women from around Central Plains for our annual retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp (near Viborg, SD) on Sept. 19-20. Our guest speaker will be Memee Yang from Emmanuel Mennonite Church in Saint Paul (MN), giving encouragement by sharing her story of spiritual transformation. The weekend features amazing meals, hotel-like accommodations in a beautiful rural environment, worship, interest sessions, fair trade shopping, visiting, games, and so much more. More information is available on the Facebook page of "Central Plains Mennonite Women". Check out the poster on the narthex bulletin board. Register today at myslcc.com/register!

Jean (Ortman) Detrich, daughter of Delmar & Maxine Ortman, has been diagnosed with ALS and Frontotemporal dementia and has moved from her home in Kansas to a care facility in North Carolina, near her daughter. While this is not what any of us had hoped for or expected from this season of her life, Jean has adjusted well and is in cheerful spirits. Jean loves getting mail, and would enjoy a note of encouragement from her hometown friends!

Jean Detrich
c/o Sarah Burton
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The Et Cetera Shoppe will be hosting Kraft Pillow Service on Friday, September 4, beginning at 9 a.m. This traveling service completely sanitizes the contents of used feather pillows, and places them in brand new ticking pillowcases. Several colors and grades of ticking are available, and different pillow sizes can be made upon request. Pillows can also be "plumped" with additional feathers. Cleaning for foam pillows is available as well. The process can be done in approximately an hour.

Following Kraft Pillow Service's visit, the Et Cetera Shoppe will have brand new feather pillows available for purchase for as long as supplies last. Proceeds from the cleaning of your pillows, as well as the sale of new pillows, go directly to support the relief and development work of Mennonite Central Committee in the U.S. and around the world!

For more information, please call the shop at 925-7098.

