



Salem Mennonite Church

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I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE

Prelude

"Holy Spirit, Come with Power" - Held

Call to Worship (Deuteronomy 32:1-3)

Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak: hear, O earth, the words of my mouth,
Let my teaching fall as the rain, my words descend as the dew,
Like gentle rain upon the tender grass, and like showers upon young herbs.
For I will proclaim the name of the LORD; ascribe greatness to our God!

Invocation Prayer

Opening Hymn

"We Plow the Fields" – HWB #96

Greeting and Welcoming Each Other

Confession of Sin (from Jeremiah 17:5-13)

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in a barren wasteland. Like the partridge hatching eggs it did not lay, so are all who amass wealth unjustly; in mid-life it will leave them, and at their end they will prove to be fools.

The heart is devious above all else; it is twisted - who can understand it?

O Lord, we hide our selfishness, pride and rage deep within, even covered from our own eyes. But you, O Lord, test the mind and search every crevice of the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings. We confess that we forsake you for shame, and turn away from your water of life. Do not leave us dead in the grave of our sin, but forgive us! You, O Lord, are our shrine and sanctuary, you are our hope and our home!

Blessed are those whose trust is in the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by streams of living water. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

Anthem

"Holy, Holy, Holy" – arr. Linda R. Lamb

II. HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 3:5-17 (NIV); Luke 13:18-30 (NIV)

Sermon

"Smaller"

RECEIVING THE SPIRIT, JOINED IN CHRIST'S BODY

Anthem

"Give Me Jesus" – (arr. Jason W. Krug)

Announcements and Offerings

- **Today's Worship offering:** Central Plains Conference
- **Today's Sunday school offering:** AMBS/EMBS
- **Children's Offering:** Freeman Community Garden

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

III. RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn

"In Christ there is no East or West"

HWB #306

Benediction

STS #158

Postlude

"Lasst uns erfreuen" – arr. Johnson

Greeters: Brian & Wendy Miller; **Worship Leader:** Lee Brockmueller; **Musicians:** Heather Haggerty (organist); Cheryle Gering, Marilyn Brockmueller, Heather Haggerty, Donna Ries (Bells); Barb Yoder (accompanist); **Speaker:** Pastor Spencer; **Coffee:** Classroom #14

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

We welcome all who are worshipping with us this morning! Coffee is available in the fellowship hall following the worship service.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, July 1 7:00 p.m. – Christian Formation Meeting

Tuesday, July 1 7:30 p.m. – Prayer & 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

NEXT SUNDAY, July 6, 2025

Speaker: Pastor Spencer; **Worship Leader:** Brent Brockmueller; **Musicians:** Barb Yoder (pianist); Cheryle and Sam Gering (special music); **Greeters:** Cindee Mutchelknaus and Vernetta Waltner; **Coffee:** Classroom #10

Baby Dedication

Worship Offering: Freeman Academy

Sunday School Offering: Salem Sunday School

Children's Offering: Freeman Community Garden

Coming Events

Monday, July 7, 7:00 p.m. – Worship Team Meeting

July 8-12 – MC-USA Conference in Greensboro, North Carolina

Thursday, July 17 – Serving at the Banquet in Yankton

Saturday, July 19 – SD MCC Relief Sale in Freeman

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

Serving at the Banquet in Yankton is scheduled for Thursday, July 17. A sign-up sheet for workers, bars and cookies is located in the narthex. Cash donations for groceries may be given to Lee Brockmueller.

Picture Directory – Some folks have expressed interest in doing a new picture directory of our congregation. This time we would not use a company, but would use a local photographer and make copies of the book through a service provided by Thrifty White Pharmacy. Before going forward with planning, we would like to see the level of interest. **Please sign up on the paper located on the narthex table by July 1. We would like to see at least 50 names that have interest.** Questions may be directed to Vernetta Waltner or Carolyn Preheim.

There is a signup sheet located on the table in the narthex for children's Sunday School teachers for the September 2025-May 2026 school year. Please consider serving as a teacher assisting our children in their faith journey. If you have any questions contact Linda Graber or Rachel Waltner. Thank you!

Upcoming MCC school kit drive – During the month of July, South Church Mission & Service team will be participating in MCC's School Kit Challenge. School kits are MCC's most requested item and their goal is to collect a total of 25,000 kits. A list of items is available on the narthex table. Monetary donations can be given to Lee Brockmueller for school kits or purchase supplies at your convenience. Thank you!

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

MCC Relief Sale reminders:

Consider making a theme basket with family, friends or S.S. class – need an idea, go to Google. Plan now for what you can donate to the **bake sale**.

Get ready for the bike ride to raise money to help small farmers in Haiti – helmets required; pre-registration is helpful.

My Coins Count at South Church- start saving your coins for MCC. This year our theme is food; improving nutrition for mothers and malnourished children under 5 in Ethiopia. \$76 will provide nutritional supplements for one child for a year. There is a container in the Narthex to collect coins over the next few weeks. You can also save coins at home and bring to the sale on July 19th. Thank you for supporting MCC.

Our church is responsible for:

- 6 pies
- 3 people to help set up for the Sale on Friday evening (July 18) at 6 pm. Pizza provided.
- 3 people to help take down after the Sale
- 10 pounds frozen hamburger meat (from those of you who have meat butchered)
- Baked goods donated are always appreciated for the Bake Sale

Sign-up sheets are in the narthex along with other information about the Sale.

Questions – ask Marilyn Brockmueller or Cindee Mutchelknaus

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