



Salem Mennonite Church

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I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE

Prelude *Come, Thou Almighty King* – arr. Willan, Stelhorn, Broughton

Call to Worship STS #197

Invocation Prayer

Opening Hymn *Come Thou Almighty King* – HWB # 41

Greeting and Welcoming Each Other

Confession of Sin HWB #781

II. HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Scripture Readings Isaiah 44:1-8 (ESV); Titus 3:1-8 (NIV)

Hymn *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* – HWB #121

Scripture Reading Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon *The Name of the Lord*

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

The Nicene Creed (in unison)

Located on the back page of the bulletin

Announcements and Offerings

- **Today's Worship offering:** Mennonite Mission Network
- **Today's Sunday school offering:** Salem Church Library
- **Children's Offering:** Weekend School Lunch Bag Program

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing Bread and Cup from the Lord's Table

IV. RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn

O God in Heaven – STJ # 53

Benediction

STJ # 136

Postlude

Speaker: Spencer Bradford; **Worship Leader:** Brian & Wendy Miller; **Musicians:** Deb Schmeichel (organist); **Greeters:** Kris and Brad Carlson; **Coffee:** Class #10

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

There will be a short congregational meeting after the worship service to approve the slate of delegates to Central Plains Mennonite Conference.

Delegates that are being presented by the council are as follows.

Gregg Waltner, Brent Mutchelknaus and Pastor Bradford.

Nominations from the floor will be allowed, but people nominating individuals should have their approval before doing so.

NEXT SUNDAY, June 7, 2026

Bible School Program/Worship Service at Salem-Zion – 10:00 a.m.

THIS WEEK

Monday-Friday, June 1-5, 9-1:15 – Daily Vacation Bible School

Reminder, don't forget to send a sack lunch, water bottle and offering with your kids! Thanks!

Tuesday, June 2, 7:30 p.m. – Prayer & Fasting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85365395504>

- Meeting ID: 853 6539 5504 Passcode: prayer2020
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Saturday, June 6, 9:00 a.m. – Church Work Day

COMING EVENTS

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

SOUTH CHURCH NOTES

Ryan Haggerty and Julie Pedroza will unite in marriage on Saturday, June 6 in Omaha, NE. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin a life together.

The Trustees are planning a Church Work Day, June 6 starting at 9:00 AM. We are asking for the congregations help. Tasks will be general spring cleanup around the church and parsonage as well as a fresh coat of paint on the cemetery arch.

From Renee: Everyone is still welcome to harvest asparagus and rhubarb by the back fence.

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

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).

A special offering for the Freeman Ministerial Association will be collected in the narthex **today, Sunday (5/31)**. In 2026, the Ministerial has provided benevolent assistance to a larger number of Freeman residents than in the past, and needs additional support for special projects this summer (a community worship service in July and a new microphone for chapel services at Oakview Terrace) and continued benevolence work. Please designate donation checks "Ministerial" on the memo line. We appreciate support for this cooperative ministry in Freeman!

The Nicene Creed (in unison)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten
of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not
made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit he was incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and
became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and
was buried.

On the third day he rose again, in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge both the living and the dead, and his
kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from
the Father,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken
through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen