



Salem Mennonite Church

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June 21, 2026

I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE

Prelude

*This is My Father's World – Wood
This is My Father's World - Bisch*

Choral Call to Worship

Holy, Holy, Holy – arr. Gazda & Clark

Call to Worship

HWB #688

Invocation Prayer

Opening Hymn

Bringing in the Sheaves (insert)

Greeting and Welcoming Each Other

Hymn of Confession

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior – Crosby, Doane

1. Pass me not, O gen - tle Sav - ior; Hear my hum - ble cry! While on
 2. Let me at the throne of mer - cy Find a sweet re - lief; Kneel - ing
 3. Trust - ing on - ly in Thy mer - it, Would I seek Thy face; Heal my
 4. Thou the Spring of all my com - fort, More than life to me! Whom have

Refrain
 oth - ers Thou art call - ing, Do not pass me by.
 there in deep con - tri - tion Help my un - be - lief. Sav - ior, Sav - ior,
 wound - ed, bro - ken spir - it; Save me by Thy grace.
 I on earth be - side Thee? Whom in heav'n but Thee?

Hear my hum - ble cry! While on oth - ers Thou art call - ing, Do not pass me by.

HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Anthem

Take My Life, and Let it Be – arr. Wilson

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 17:4-11 (ESV); 1 Timothy 6:3-10 (NIV)
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (ESV)

Sermon

Good Soil

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

Offertory Doxology (Old 100th – HWB 119)

Announcements and Offerings

- **Today's Worship offering:** SD MCC Sale
- **Today's Sunday school offering:** SLCC Camper Scholarships
- **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

Almighty God, Your Word is Cast (insert)

Benediction

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Postlude

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven - Smith

Speaker: Spencer Bradford; **Worship Leader:** Lee Brockmueller; **Musicians:** Sharla Unruh (organist); Donna & Brooklyn Ries, Brittney Kempf (trumpets); **Greeters:** Brian and Wendy Miller; **Coffee:** Spencer Bradford & Stephen Waltner

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY, June 28, 2026

Speaker: Barb Tieszen; **Worship Leader:** Brent Brockmueller; **Greeters:** Brian and Wendy Miller; **Musicians:** Heather Haggerty (organist); Kaufman Sisters (special music); **Coffee:** Lee & Marilyn Brockmueller; **Scriptures:** Isaiah 27:1-13; Hebrews 10:19-39; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Worship Offering: Central Plains Mennonite Conference

Sunday School Offering: Bethany Food Pantry

Children's Offering: Weekend School Lunch Bag Program

THIS WEEK

Monday, June 22, 7:30 p.m. – Pastor & Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, June 23, 7:00 p.m. – Christian Formation Meeting

Wednesday, June 24, 7:30 p.m. – Rural Revival at the Freeman Library

Thursday, June 25, 6:00 p.m. – Working in the Community Garden

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

COMING EVENTS

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

Volunteers are needed on Thursday, June 25 at 6:00 p.m. for our week of helping in the Community Garden.

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

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.

Prayer Seeds for June 2026

My salvation is coming soon, and my righteousness will be revealed. I will bring them to my holy mountain and bring them joy in my house of prayer. (Isaiah 56:1, 7)

Thanksgivings

- That You bring salvation and joy to those who believe in You
- That you provide rains for growing crops
- That You know babies while they are forming
- That You bless love and marriages in our congregation

Confessions

- We want to let go the fears that control us.
- We remember the times when we did not listen to each other well.
- We think of judgments that we have made before hearing the whole story.

Requests

- We thank you for Bible School and pray that children will remember their lessons
- The completion of Oyate Hope Academy's building project
- Annual meeting of Central Plains Conference at Mtn. Lake, MN
- Swan Lake campers and staff
- For our congregation's well-being and vision
- Peace in Lebanon, Ukraine, and Iran
- For strength for those dealing with the Ebola virus
- People who have no homes and are food insecure

Note: There is a box for people to put their prayer requests. The prayer team will take these requests for their monthly prayer times, but we will not necessarily print them in the monthly prayer seeds.

---Duane, Peggy, Gregg, Lois JP

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am/Sunday School – Following Worship
Vernetta Waltner, Administrative Assistant (southchurch@goldenwest.net) 925-4553
Spencer Bradford, Pastor 919-808-2024/spencerbradford42@gmail.com

Almighty God, Thy Word Is Cast

J. Cawood, 1775-1852, *cento*.

KINGSFOLD
English folk melody
Setting: R. Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958



1. Al - might-y God, Thy Word is cast Like seed in - to the ground; Now
2. Let not the world's de - ceit-ful cares The ris - ing plant de - stroy, But



let the dew of heav'n de - scend And righ-teous fruits a - bound. Let
let it yield a hun-dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy. Oft



not the sly, Sa - tan - ic foe This ho - ly seed re - move, But
as the pre - cious seed is sown, Thy quick - 'ning grace be - stow That



give it root in ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
all whose souls the truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.



Bringing in the Sheaves

WORDS: Knowles Shaw, 1874
MUSIC: George A. Minor, 1880

SHEAVES
12.11.12.11 with Refrain

1. Sow - ing in the morn - ing, sow - ing seeds of kind - ness, sow - ing in the
2. Sow - ing in the sun - shine, sow - ing in the shad - ows, fear - ing nei - ther
3. Go - ing forth with weep - ing, sow - ing for the Mas - ter, though the loss sus -

noon - tide and the dew - y eve; wait - ing for the har - vest and the time of
clouds nor win - ter's chill - ing breeze; by and by the har - vest and the la - bor
tained our spir - it oft - en grieves; when our weep - ing's o - ver He will bid us

reap - ing - we shall come re - joic - ing, bring - ing in the sheaves.
end - ed - we shall come re - joic - ing, bring - ing in the sheaves.
wel - come - we shall come re - joic - ing, bring - ing in the sheaves.

Refrain
Bring - ing in the sheaves, bring - ing in the sheaves, we shall come re -

joic - ing, bring - ing in the sheaves. joic - ing, bring - ing in the sheaves.