



Salem Mennonite Church

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April 10, 2022 – Palm Sunday

“Seeking God’s Ways: from power over to power with”

I. GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

(9:15-9:30) Gathering

- <https://zoom.us/j/278905019>
- Or phone call-in # (312) 626-6799 and Meeting ID: 278 905 019
- One-Tab Mobile (iPhone) +16699009128,,278905019#

Prelude “Kindly Spring Again is Here” (MH #514) – arr. Leavitt
“Ride On, in Majesty” – arr. Paxton

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” – HWB #238

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Responsive reading

Leader: Your ways, O God, are higher than our ways.

People: **Your thoughts are higher than our thoughts.**

Leader: We seek God’s ways.

All: *Lord, move us from seeking the power to control others to instead using power with them for everyone’s healing and wholeness.*

Lenten prayer of confession (Isaiah 55 adapted)

Leader: Holy One, we seek you while you may be found.

People: **We call upon you while you are near.**

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God,
for our thoughts are not your thoughts
and our ways are not your ways.

People: **Forgive us for seeking power over others
and let us instead seek power with and for
the most vulnerable.**

Leader: As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey,
let us see your way more clearly

All: ***and follow your way more faithfully.***

II. HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Time

Worship Music

Hearing Scripture

John 12:1-9

Sermon

"Anointing and Celebrating Jesus"

III. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST

Announcements & Offerings

- Today's **Worship offering** is for Oyate Concern Christian School
- Today's **Sunday school offering** is for AMBS/EMS
- **Children's Offering** is for MCC Hygiene Kits

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Sending Hymn

"Strong, Righteous Man of Galilee" – HWB #540

Spoken Benediction

Postlude

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" – arr. Kaufmann

Greeters: Bob & Cheryl Wollmann; **Musicians:** Debra Schmeichel (organist), Children's Sunday School Department; **Worship Leader:** Stewart Hofer; **Children's Time:** Brent Brockmueller; **Speaker:** Nathan Luitjens; **Coffee:** Conference Room Class

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

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

We welcome Nathan Luitjens, Executive Conference Minister to the pulpit this morning. Nathan will also be bringing the message each evening of Holy Week.

Everyone is welcome to the potluck meal following Sunday School.

4:30 pm – The Mission and Service Team invites you to participate in a monthly conversation and prayer time with our Ecuador Mission Partners, the Ross Richers. You can join by entering the Waterford Mennonite Church website, waterfordchurch.org. Then click on Worship, then Online Prayers, then scroll to Ecuador Prayers and click on video or dial in. Or in your Zoom app put in the Meeting ID: 853 3848 4428 and Passcode: 274788.

7:00 p.m. – Joint Holy Week Services at our church

THIS WEEK

Mon. – Wed. (11th-13th), 7:00 p.m. – Joint Holy Week Services at our church

Wed. (13th), 8:15 p.m. (following the worship service) – Chancel Choir

Fri. (15th), 7:00 p.m. – Good Friday Tenebrae Service with Communion

NEXT SUNDAY, April 17, Easter

Speaker: Pastor Jack; **Worship Leader:** Paul Balzer; **Musicians:** Anne Waltner (organist), Chancel Choir; **Children’s Time:** Katelyn Hurley; **Greeters:** Bob & Cheryl Wollmann; **Coffee:** Conference Room Class

Worship offering is for Camper Scholarships

Sunday school offering is for Freeman Academy

Children’s Offering is for MCC Hygiene Kits

Easter Morning Breakfast: The Youth Group and others will be serving breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. Please come and join us!

COMING EVENTS

May 11 – Church Council Meeting

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

Remember the family of James Merk. He passed away last week. The memorial service will be at a later date.

We’ll be having an Easter egg hunt for all the children of South Church, and any visiting children, on Easter Sunday morning! We’ll meet near the church mailboxes and start approximately at 9:10-9:15. Please bring a basket or a bag to collect your eggs.

If you missed the informational meeting last week, or want to listen again, the link is - <https://youtu.be/cnvjw8g927I>

There will be a special congregational meeting on Sunday, April 24 immediately following the service to affirm delegates for BOTH MC-USA special session AND Central Plains Conference that have been nominated and confirmed by Church Council.

Process of Discernment for MC-USA Resolutions:

April 10 - distribution of questionnaire on resolutions

April 24 - questionnaires due in box on narthex table

May 1 - written report of questionnaire to congregation

May 8 - congregational meeting immediately following service for straw vote on 3 ballot issues

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association (SMCHA) is again offering education financial assistance grants to individuals preparing for full-time Christian service, Mennonite ministry, Mennonite voluntary service, or other related careers. The maximum grant available is \$1,000 for full-time ministerial students with lesser amounts for part-time students and Mennonite voluntary service participants. The grants are for the 2022-2023 school year. The application deadline is May 30, 2022.

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The Freeman Academy board of directors is pleased to announce Dr. Brad Anderson as our next Head of School. The board-appointed search committee undertook their work last December and reviewed several well-qualified applicants. Dr. Anderson emerged as the unanimous choice of the search committee. The board of directors discussed and concurred with the search committee's recommendation. The search committee and board were particularly impressed with Brad's commitment to Anabaptist Christian education, his passion and vision for the school, and his desire to nurture and further cultivate relationships between the school and the broader community. Dr. Anderson, no stranger to the community, previously served as Academic Dean and has been a member of Freeman Academy's teaching faculty for the past five years. He will assume Head of School duties on July 1, 2022.

The Freeman Academy Auxiliary is truly amazed at the overwhelming support of the Schmeck Stop food sales the last two Saturdays. This event would not have taken place without the generous donations from our local bakers and the volunteers at work days. Preparing all the baked goods, sausage and meal items is no small task. We are so grateful to all of you for committing your time and energy to make food and assist with sales for the event.

Thank you to all the shoppers who bought food and made additional monetary donations to Schmeckfest and Freeman Academy. As we explore the options for Schmeckfest 2023, we want to assure you that efforts to bring back a "traditional" event are in the works.

The Freeman Academy Auxiliary Executive, Overall Food, and Food Project Committees

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am/ Sunday School – Following Worship
Office Hours – Wednesday - Friday 9:30-12:30; bulletin deadline – 9:30 a.m. Friday
Amy Waltner, Administrative Assistant (southchurch@goldenwest.net) 925-4553
Jack Scandrett, Interim Pastor, 605-679-0258/jackscandrett4@gmail.com
Bob Engbrecht, Pastor 648-3017/659-4331



Dear Fellow believers,

When we came to the church on Tuesday evening to pray, we saw two ends of a magnificent wide rainbow, one in the northeast and the other end in the southeast. In between were the dark clouds of a rain squall that had just blown

through. For me, these rainbow fragments together with the clouds was God's voice speaking to the long list of requests we had. Our list was full of the departures of loved ones, of folks suffering disease, of the pain of the world, of our own struggles to cope. The next morning, my sister in Goshen sent me a picture of the rainbow that appeared that same night in her neighborhood. I am including it here to remind us, as it did Noah long ago, of God's love.

And then the devotional I am following said this for this Friday morning: *The spiritual writer Richard Foster counsels us to practice the prayer of suffering. Sometimes it is a prayer of repentance for our own wrongdoing. Sometimes it is a prayer of trust in God when unjust sufferings have come our way. Sometimes it is a prayer to take on the sufferings of others, and by our prayer to relieve them. By this kind of prayer, we may even embrace the sufferings of the world, the wars, the famines, the ethnic cleansings, the suicide bombings, the persecutions. We give them to Jesus. We give them to God. When we join our sufferings and those of others to the sufferings of Jesus, something will come right....This kind of prayer is a wrestling with the mystery of evil. In this prayer we acknowledge what we do not understand—in our own lives, in the sorrow of the world—and we lift it up to God.*

---Emilie Griffin, Small Surrenders.

Prayer List for April

So, with the picture of the rainbow and these thoughts in mind, here is our list from Tuesday evening's prayer time.

- ◆ We are mindful of the departures of Maynard Yoder, Julie Krehbiel, Sarah Stahl, James Merk, Sharon Schmidt, Quentin Kaufman, JoAnn Kaufman, and Jane Ross-Richer's father and the need for comfort in a time of sorrow for all these families.
- ◆ People with illness: Shirley Ries' sister Elvera, Belle Graber, Sue Gering (Don Gering's wife), Bob Hartzler, Tim Detweiler, and Gordon Scoville.
- ◆ Our congregation's need for a longer-term pastor, for strength and clarity of vision for the present pastors: Pastors Jack and Bob.
- ◆ For peace in our midst and in Ukraine.
- ◆ For Freeman Academy in a time of transition.
- ◆ For the life and well-being of other congregations in our region and the well-being of our denomination.
- ◆ For the willingness to be a discerning and communal body of faith.
- ◆ And we are grateful for our lives, for a successful Schmeckfest, for the completion of the project at Pine Ridge, for any moisture that falls,

whether it is in the form of dew, sleet, snow, rain, fog. We love all of God's beauty that cheers our spirits.

--Lois Janzen Preheim