



Salem Mennonite Church

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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

“Easter Messiah” – Handel/arr. Lorenz

Instrumental Call to Worship

“Divertimento” by The Secret Garden
Rolf Lowland & Fionnuala Sherry

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Opening Hymn

“Blessed Assurance” – MH #544

II. HEARING GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:4-9

Sermon:

“Paul, the Spiritual Accountant”

Anthem

“My Shepherd Shall Supply My Need” – arr. Mark Wilberg
(MH #63)

III. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST

Announcements & Offerings

- Today’s **Worship offering** is for Oyate Concern School
- Today’s **Sunday school offering** is for AMBS/EMS
- **Children’s Offering** is for Oyate Concern Christian School

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Sending Hymn

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” – MH #558

Spoken Benediction

II Corinthians 13:14

Instrumental Benediction

“Nearer my God to Thee” – Lowell Mason
(MH #289)

Postlude

“Hallelujah Chorus” – Handel/arr. Lorenz

Worship Leader: Lois Preheim; **Speaker:** Pastor David; **Musicians:** Sharla Unruh (organ), Amici, senior recital, March 22, 2009 - Sara Brockmueller, Ashley Julius (Graber), Audrey Alonso (Graber), Kieran Waltner

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

We welcome all who are worshipping with us this morning in person and on Zoom!

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.

THIS WEEK

Wed. (14th), 7:30 p.m. – Church Council Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY, April 18

Speaker: Pastor David; **Worship Leader:** Brennan Waltner; **Musicians:** Sharon Waltner (organ)

Worship Offering: Camper Scholarships

Sunday School Offering: Freeman Academy

Children’s Offering: Oyate Concern School

COMING EVENTS

April 21 – Christian Formation Meeting

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES

From Jeri Butkus: Covid symptoms are subsiding and my energy is better. My knee hasn’t caused too much discomfort. Be vigilant. This virus is sneaky! Thank you for all your prayers. Prayers are important and they work.

Since Covid, some of us have voluntarily restricted many social contacts. Be assured you are not forgotten. In an effort to bridge that gap, Pastor Bob is offering to come to your home to observe Holy Communion. If interested, please call Pastor Bob to schedule a time that would work for you.

The North Church reports that the expenses of Holy Week Services have been nearly met, and that the speaker, Rachel Miller Jacobs, has declined any reimbursement for herself. She has asked that the amount be sent to AMBS student scholarship fund, and that any amount over and above expenses be sent to local causes. Bienvenido and Freeman Ministerium have been selected; if you wish to contribute further please send your check to Salem-Zion, or place a check in our offering plate earmarked "Holy Week 2021", within the next few days. Thank you.

The Trustees are accepting bids for mowing the church grounds this summer. The job includes mowing and trimming all grass areas around the church, parsonage and cemetery. If interested please submit your written bid to Duane Ries by April 20, 2021. We want to thank the Brian Miller family for mowing the last two years.

COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

MDS PINE RIDGE PROJECT: We are planning a trip to work at the Pine Ridge volunteer center from April 19 to 23. The tasks will be to install pre-hung doors, hang drywall, and paint primer coats. Food and lodging will be provided. Please call Dennis Ries at 925-7788 or 759-4312 or Duane Tieszen at 648-3226 or 360-9014 if you would like to accompany us

MCC dignity kit informational webinar, April 20 at 7 p.m. Yes, MCC has a new kit that has been in development for years and now we're ready to teach you how to help us bring dignity to young women around the world! The dignity kit includes hygiene items and a reusable menstruation pad system. [Join Kate Mast for this webinar to learn about the kit and how to sew the base units for the reusable system.](#) Email katemast@mcc.org for the Zoom link.

Responding to disaster: MCC's response to hurricanes Eta & Iota webinar April 21 & 22 at 7pm. MCC is pleased to bring you, via Zoom, the people and stories directly impacted by this disaster response that you generously supported. [Register here](#) for this two night webinar to hear directly from MCC partner organizations and church partners in Honduras and Nicaragua. They will share about MCC's disaster response as well as how climate change impacts migration and poverty in Central America.

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am (in person & Zoom) No Sunday School at this time
Office Hours – Wednesday - Friday 9:30-12:30; bulletin deadline – 9:30 a.m. Friday
Amy Waltner, Administrative Assistant (southchurch@goldenwest.net) 925-4553
David Erdman, Interim Pastor 605 350-7231
Bob Engbrecht, Pastor 648-3017/659-4331

From the Prayer Time on Wednesday

Thanksgivings:

- for warmer weather and for rain, and the new life of spring
- for Kaye Waltner's well-being and healing
- for the 30 people baptized in Ecuador earlier in the year
- for the successful fund-raising for the Academy
- for vaccine availability
- for the good fellowship in the Freeman ministerium
- for good, challenging and interesting reading material that engages heart and mind

Prayer requests:

- for Liz Osborn and her family following the loss of Mark
- for Jeri Butkus' healing in her knee and from Covid-19
- for Lefty Ries who was hospitalized in Indiana and has now returned home
- for the transition to Goshen for the Ross-Richers and for their daughter's continued healing from seizures and migraines
- for the run-off election in Ecuador that a good government could come to power
- for baccalaureate planning and the graduating seniors in the community
- for church council, deacons, and search committee in our congregation
- for all of us to know how to talk with one another when we hear differences of opinion
- for vision to know how to respond to the fact that for the first time, only 49% of the population think church is important