



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

Prelude on "Foundation" – arr. S. Owens
Voluntary on "Ein' Feste Burg" – arr. G. Young

Handbell Call to Worship

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" – Kinyon

Call to Worship

HWB #681

Leader: Clap your hands, all you nations;
Shout to God with cries of joy!

**People: How majestic is the Lord Most High;
How mighty is the great Sovereign over all the earth!**

Leader: Sing praises to God;
Sing psalms in God's honor.

**People: God reigns over the nations;
God is exalted over all.**

**All: *Praise the Lord, all people;
Praise God's everlasting name!***

Opening Prayer

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Opening Hymn

"A Wonderful Savior" – MH #546

II. HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:7-11

Sermon: "Paul's Personal and Profound Principles"

Anthem "Be Thou My Vision" (HWB #545) – arr. Larson

III. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST

Announcements & Offerings

- Today's **Worship offering** is for Camper Scholarships
- Today's **Sunday school offering** is for Freeman Academy
- **Children's Offering** is for Oyate Concern Christian School

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Sending Hymn

"More Love to Thee, O Christ" – MH #539

Spoken Benediction

II Peter 3:18

Postlude

"Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness" (HWB #473) – J.S. Bach

Worship Leader: Brennan Waltner; **Speaker:** Pastor David; **Musicians:** Sharon Waltner (organ), Handbell Choir (Nov. 13, 2016)

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

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

THIS WEEK

Wed. (21st), 7:00 p.m. – Youth Fun & Game Night & Senior Sendoff!

7:30 p.m. – Christian Formation Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY, April 25

Speaker: Pastor David; **Worship Leader:** Rolf Olson; **Musicians:** Anne Waltner (piano)

Worship Offering: AMBS/EMS

Sunday School Offering: Camper Scholarships

Children's Offering: Oyate Concern School

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES

Sunday school teachers needed: The Christian Formation team is hoping to start in-person Sunday school classes for the summer quarter. We are now looking for teachers for the children and youth of our congregation. After a long break, we hope there will be a renewed enthusiasm for teaching as we get back to in-person Bible learning!

At this time we have a few volunteers, but without more teachers we cannot restart classes. Classes are set by age, including pre-K, K-2, 4-8 and high school. Teachers can sign up by the month or split a month with another teacher. This is an opportunity for you to share your faith and get to know the kids of our congregation!

Please contact superintendents Kathy Kleinsasser or Kris Carlson to be a part of the faith formation of our children.

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 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

Holy Week Offerings: We praise God for the generous offerings that came from the four Mennonite Churches during Holy Week. \$1,816.86 was given and after expenses were taken out for our speaker, we were able to give \$558 to the Bienvenidos Ministry in Flandreau and \$558 to the Freeman Ministerium. Praise God for this outpouring of support!

Our annual baccalaureate service will be held for the glory of God and in honor of the 2021 high school graduates of Freeman Public and Freeman Academy. It will be held at the Freeman Community Center located at 224 S. Wipf Street. Our service will start at 4pm on May 2nd. The Freeman Ministerial hopes you will be able to join us for this important event in the lives of our graduates. The service will be posted on YouTube, as soon as possible, for those who will not be able to attend.

Rural Revival will meet April 26 at 8:00 p.m. in the Upper Meeting Room of the Et Cetera Shoppe in Freeman. All are welcome to attend.

Do you have a college graduate? If you do, let me know. You can email who, what college and degree to the church office. Thank you, Amy

Spring Events at Freeman Academy:

April 23 – Open House 2-4pm. Families welcome to drop in or request a tour.

May 22 – Graduation

May 27 – Last day of School

Now Open – Faith and Leadership Scholarship applications. Encourage your youth leaders to apply for this special opportunity and the 40% tuition discount.

Youth Ministry Opportunity: Would you know someone in the Mennonite community here or beyond that might be a candidate for the Resident Director position at Freeman Academy? The RD supervises daily life for 10-12 dorm students including cooking the evening meal, coordinating student activities, and communicating with parents. Salary plus benefits: health insurance, retirement, room and board. We appreciate your candidate recommendations. Contact Nathan Epp, Head of School, nepp@freemanacademy.org or 605-925-4237.

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.

From the MCC U.S. Washington Office, an invitation to take action: Prevent future war—repeal the Iraq AUMF (Authorization for Use of Military Force) The 2002 Iraq AUMF authorized war against the Saddam Hussein regime and has been used to justify military action for 19 years without additional congressional approval. Two bills repealing the AUMF in the House of Representative and the Senate have growing bipartisan support. Repealing past AUMFs will return authority to engage in militarized force to Congress, creating greater accountability for military actions. [Send a message to your members of Congress calling on them to support the repeal of the 1991 and 2002 Iraq AUMFs.](#)

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

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