



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

Choral Call to Worship

“The Morning Trumpet” – Wilberg

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Opening Hymn

“I’m Pressing on the Upward Way” – MH #582

II. HEARING GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:10-16

Sermon:

“Pressing Toward the Goal”

Anthem

“Hold On!” – Simpson

III. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST

Announcements & Offerings

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

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Sending Hymn

“Encamped Along the Hills” – MH #589

Vs. 1, 2 & 4

Spoken Benediction

Ephesians 1:18

Postlude

Worship Leader: Rolf Olson; **Speaker:** Pastor David; **Musicians:** Anne Waltner (piano), Open Road Men's Ensemble from Bethel College (recorded 2019). Jesse Balzer, from our congregation, is a member of the vocal group.

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

We welcome all who are worshipping with us this morning!

NEXT SUNDAY, May 2

Speaker: Pastor David; **Worship Leader:** Brad Carlson; **Musicians:** Sharla Unruh (organ)

Worship Offering: Vacation Bible School

Sunday School Offering: Salem Sunday School

Children's Offering: Oyate Concern School

4:00 p.m. – Baccalaureate Service at the Community Center

COMING EVENTS

May 5 – Monthly Day of Prayer & Fasting

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.

COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

Did you know? Central Plains Annual Meeting will be online this year—which means that you can attend without making pesky travel or hotel arrangements! Visit our website to learn more about our speaker, schedule and workshops and to register! www.centralplains.org/annual-meeting-2021

Pray for the work of the Outreach and Service Committee of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. We ask for wisdom and courage as they lead by example and encouragement into new ways of thinking about and doing God's just work in our ever-changing world.

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. No photo needed. Thank you, Amy

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.

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.

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.](#)

Spring Events at Freeman Academy:

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.

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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