



Salem Mennonite Church

A Congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

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South Church Worship

I. HEARING GOD'S WORD

(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 Variations on "Old Hundredth" – arr. Walther

Choral Call to Worship "The Time is Now"

Welcome & Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Greeting One Another

II. HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Time – My Coins Count Video

Anthem "My Jesus Knows"

Scripture Reading **Genesis 32:22-31**

Sermon "Our Struggles for God's Blessing"

Hymn of Response "Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown" – HWB #503
Vs. 1-3 & 9, and one not in the hymnal

III. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST

Announcements & Offerings

- ❖ **Worship Offering – Student Tuition Sharing Fund**
- ❖ **Sunday School Offering – Salem Sunday School**

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Sending Hymn

“Go, My Children” – HWB #433

Spoken Benediction

Choral Benediction

“I Will Serve Thee”

Postlude

“How Glorious Is Thy name” – Mozart, arr. Simone”

Worship Leader: Peggy Waltner; **Speaker:** Eric Deckert; **Musicians:** Debra Schmeichel (organ), Salem Mennonite Church Mixed Octet, 1973-1985 (Belle & Leo Graber, Marie & Duane Kaufman, Ruth & Curtis Preheim and Edna & Irvin Waltner)

WORSHIP OFFERING

Worship Offering Next Sunday (8/9)

Restore

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

Offering Next Sunday (8/9)

Student Tuition Sharing Fund

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

For the next few weeks, we will be collecting coins for MCC’s “My Coins Count”. There are containers on the table with the other offering plates for your coins.

THIS WEEK

Wed. (5th) – Day of Prayer & Fasting, 8:00 p.m. – Prayer Meeting

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85365395504>
- Meeting ID: 853 6539 5504
- One tap mobile +13462487799,,85365395504# US (Houston)
- Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 853 6539 5504

NEXT SUNDAY, August 9

If you are one who is at high risk, you aren’t feeling well, or you just don’t feel comfortable coming, don’t. You can continue worshipping with us on Zoom.

Information on how to join us is listed under **HEARING GOD’S WORD.**

Speaker: Nathan Luitgens; **Worship Leader:** LaVonne Brockmueller; **Musicians:** Sharla Unruh (organ)

Sunday, August 9: The congregation is invited to a fundraiser ice cream social on the church lawn, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., to raise financial support for Polly Carlson as she leaves for a year of Mennonite Voluntary Service in San Francisco, California. It costs about \$16,000 annually to support an MVSer. While the stipend contributed from Polly's placement agency helps pay a significant share of this cost, it does not cover the total. Mennonite Mission asks home congregations to invest in service by helping to reduce the financial burden on the social service agencies that are being served. Aside from reducing the burden on the placement agencies, the money raised goes to cover the local unit budget, participant's health insurance, living expenses, stipend money, and the staff of the national offices. In this way, MVS continues to be sustainable and provide important service opportunities to young adults. Come enjoy delicious soft serve ice cream and lots of toppings, and help us to send Polly off with lots of support!

COMING EVENTS

August 28 & 29 – Church reserved for Katelyn Graber & Luke Hurley wedding

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

Thanks to all who so generously donated to the love offering for Don and Sonja Waltner throughout the last several weeks. The deacon fund was utilized to provide an additional monetary gift to what was donated by the congregation. The money has been distributed to Sonja. The deacons will apply for an Everence grant to reimburse the deacon fund portion of the gift.

Our church is blessed to have three young people from our congregation who desire to hold their wedding ceremonies in our sanctuary. The Church Council has decided that each Sunday after a Saturday wedding, we will host a ZOOM ONLY church service. There is no need then for special disinfecting, due to the fact that the COVID19 virus dies after five days. The dates for ZOOM ONLY services will be on August 30, September 6, and September 27.

Address change: Vivian Gering, 12001 80th St. N., #109, Maple Grove, MN 55369

A special thank you to Debra Schmeichel and Sharla Unruh for your help in doing some deep cleaning at the church parsonage. Amy

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of MCC, and to continue the important services MCC provides, the Mission and Service Team is asking the congregation to help with providing supplies for 100 Relief or Hygiene kits. You can participate by purchasing supplies or donating money to purchase supplies. A list of kit contents is on the narthex table. Boxes are set out for your donations. Monetary gifts may be given to Chris Eisenbeis, designated for "MCC Kits". Thank you for Visit mcc.org for more information.

The music committee will continue to use recorded music at this time for the worship services. If anyone has a request or would like to submit a recording for special music, please contact Kathy Kleinsasser.

FROM THE OFFICE

If any church committee uses a room at church for a meeting, they need to communicate this date to Amy.

Please remember that the church offices are not accessible at this time. If you need something (ie. copies), please come during office hours (Wed. – Fri. 9:30-12:30).

COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

Update on Gordon: Thank you, for your continued support, prayers and care for Gordon! Gordon's health situation is mostly stable, with discussions beginning about a possible need for oxygen to assist his increasingly impaired breathing. He appreciates the candor and encouragement of his hospice team, and at their recommendation is self-isolating in his room. Your prayers and cards continue to be very important to Gordon, and are much appreciated! We are extremely grateful that many churches and individuals have participated together to help Gordon. If you or your congregation would like to continue Gordon's ongoing support, please send your contributions payable to: **Central Plains Mennonite Conference, P.O. Box 101, Freeman, SD 57029**, and write "Benevolent Fund for GS" on the memo line.

MCC is hosting virtual alumni gatherings for four of the world regions where MCC works: Latin America and Caribbean, Asia, Europe & Middle East and Africa. And you are invited! Join us for this special time to hear updates from Area Directors about current programming, share stories of service experiences and engage in small group discussions to connect with your MCC friends or meet others who served in the same world region. Find out specific dates, times and register at mcc.org/virtual-alumni-gatherings. Questions? Please contact heidhuber@mcc.org or call 316.283.2720.

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am/ Sunday School – Following Worship
Office Hours – Wednesday - Friday 9:30-12:30; bulletin deadline – 9:30 a.m. Friday
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