



Salem Mennonite Church

A Congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

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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

“Be the Centre” – arr. Tornquist
“How Great is Our God” – arr. Tornquist

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Call to Worship

Psalm 42:1-2, 5

♥ ***Opening Hymn**

“I Need Thee Every Hour” – MH #578/HWB #555

Opening Prayer

Special Music

“I Love to Tell the Story” – Fischer
“The Love of God” – F.M. Lehman Mays

II. HEARING GOD’S WORD

Responsive Reading

HWB #714

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:14-20; 2:13-15 & 3:13-19

Sermon

“Becoming Disciples”

***Hymn of Response**

“Two Fishermen” – HWB #227

III. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST

Announcements & Offerings

- Today’s **Worship offering** is for Ecuador Partnership
- Today’s **Sunday school offering** is for Student Tuition Sharing Fund
- **Children’s Offering** is for Oyate Concern Christian School

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

 * Sending Hymn

“Here I Am, Lord” – HWB #395

Spoken Benediction

I Peter 5:10-11

Closing Prayer

HWB #733

Postlude

“Holy and Anointed One” – arr. Tornquist

* Stand if you are able

Greeters: Cheryl & Bob Wollmann; **Worship Leader:** Barb Tieszen; **Speaker:** Pastor Bob; **Musicians:** Kaye Waltner (piano); **Special Music;** Landon Miller and Libby Miller, Laura Nettifee (accompanist); **Coffee:** Conference Room Class

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

We welcome all who are worshipping with us this morning! Coffee is available in the fellowship hall between the worship service and Sunday school.

It’s all in the family for those providing special music today: Landon’s grandpa (Claude Miller), Libby’s grandma (Pearl Waltner) and Laura’s grandpa (Glenn Miller) were 1st cousins.

ALL ARE WELCOME to attend Freeman Academy’s Convocation tonight. We will be serving a light supper starting at 6:00pm. Presentations will begin at 7:00pm. View our renovation progress and enjoy a delightful evening of fellowship as we prepare for the new school year with our amazing faculty and students. Please bring a lawn chair and park at the Link.

THIS WEEK

Mon. (23rd) – Sat. (28th) – South Church’s week to work in the Community Garden

Thurs. (26th), 7:30 p.m. - Mission & Service Team Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY, August 29

Speaker: Pastor Bob; **Worship Leaders:** Brent Brockmueller; **Musicians:** Heather Haggerty (organ); **Greeters:** Cheryl & Bob Wollmann; **Coffee:** Conference Room Class

Worship Offering: Swan Lake Christian Camp

Sunday School Offering: Members in Mission

Children’s Offering: Oyate Concern Christian School

COMING EVENTS

September 1 – Monthly Day of Prayer and Fasting

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES

DISAPPOINTED! I saw last Sunday the back of the bulletin was not full, so am adding a comment.

When I was very young, I always thought deacons were more holy and closer to God, I had so much respect for them. My dad and I never were deacons. Last Sunday after church I asked someone “in the know” who scheduled the 4:00 p.m. meeting on Sunday, August 8. The answer was, “The deacons!” I think everyone knew a meeting of this magnitude would not end in 60 minutes! The lack of respect to the “Save the Date” request was not a monetary loss to Larry Waltner or his band, it was MCC that took the hit! Of the five venues the band played this summer, the one at the Prairie Rose Amphitheater was the smallest by 75%!

As of now my plan is to support this church financially, with prayer and attendance when not playing in another church. My prayer is God will reunite this, “HIS” church! In His Service, Larry Waltner

Some of the pails for chilling water are missing from the kitchen. If you borrowed them and forgot to return them, please do so.

Sunday school teachers needed: The Sunday school department is looking for more teachers to lead children's classes! Teachers for the fall quarter are needed for all ages. The sign-up sheet is on the narthex table. Please consider giving your time to this important mission of the church!

With the start of school fast approaching, the Mission and Service Team is requesting donations of supplies for MCC school kits. A container and list of supplies are located on the table in the narthex. Monetary donations can be given to Chris Eisenbeis earmarked for “school kits”. We encourage you to shop locally. Thank you!

Sing unto the Lord a new song! What are the hymns and songs you yearned to sing as a congregation during the pandemic months? Now that we're returning to live singing, the worship planning team is bringing back “Heart Songs”! There is a box and slips of paper on the narthex table under the windows for you to submit the titles of hymns and songs you'd like to sing - you can include your name OR remain anonymous. These songs will be denoted in our bulletin with a heart, so that we'll all know when we are singing someone's special request. For now, please limit your requests to songs that are found in any of the hymnals and hymnal supplement books in our pews.

COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

The Rural Revival monthly meeting will be at 8 pm, August 23 in the Freeman Public Library.

MDS PINE RIDGE PROJECT: Work on the volunteer center at Pine Ridge continues to progress. There is need for painting, installation of doors and trim, insulation and installing kitchen cabinets. Our SD Unit is planning another work week there from Monday Aug. 30 to Friday, Sept. 3. Please consider assisting with these remaining tasks. As always, transportation, food and lodging will be provided. Call Dennis Ries at 925-7788 or 605-759-4312 to make arrangements.

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am (in person & Zoom) Sunday school following Office Hours – Wednesday - Friday 9:30-12:30; bulletin deadline – 9:30 a.m. Friday
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2021 Central Plains Mennonite Conference Reflections

The CPMC pastors and the Minnesota organizers did an excellent job of hosting an entirely on-line event. It took a lot of coordination to present the programming, speaker, and attendees on the Zoom format.

I did miss the ability to network and renew friendships that I have developed over my years at Swan Lake Camp and Northern District Conference. This year's theme, **"Looking Forward: The Future of the church in a post-Christian/post-COVID world,"** provided relevant information, discussion, and thoughts from the featured speaker, conference attendees' comments, and workshops.

As assistant moderator for our church, I have experienced many of the same situations that were presented. One term, "deconstruction" was new to me, but does appropriately define what most churches are experiencing due to COVID isolation from normal church services and really all aspects of life. I was encouraged by the messages of David Fitch and the discussions taking place in the large group as well as smaller groups that met via Zoom also. Special side note is that Pastor Nick was the leader of my small group! I would encourage our church family to listen to the recordings of David Fitch available on the church website. Listening to those will give better meaning to the message that was presented for our Sunday morning sermon on June 19.

Vernetta Waltner