



Salem Mennonite Church

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I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE

Prelude

*“Be Unto Your Name”
“Be Thou my Vision”*

Call to Worship

STS (purple) #197

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

“Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken” – HWB #619

Welcome and Greeting One Another

Confession of Sin (in unison)

STS (purple) #192

Special Music

“God of the Bible”

II. HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Scripture Readings

Psalm 2; Mark 8:1-9; Acts 4:8-37

Sermon

“The Credibility of Doxology, The Authority of Grace”

Special Music

“Here in this Place”

Children’s Message

III. RECEIVING THE SPIRIT, JOINED IN CHRIST’S BODY

Hymn of Response

“God, Whose Giving” – HWB # 383

Announcements & Offerings

- Today’s **Worship offering**: Freeman Academy
- Today’s **Sunday school offering**: Mennonite Disaster Service
- **Children’s Offering**: Bethany Food Pantry

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

IV. RETURNING TO GOD’S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn

“House of Peace” – insert

Benediction

HWB – #774

Postlude

Greeters: Brent & Angie Brockmueller; **Worship Leader:** Brent Mutchelknaus; **Musicians:** Brad Anderson (pianist), Maddie Anderson (ukulele); **Speaker:** Pastor Spencer; **Children's Message:** Pastor Spencer; **Coffee:** Class #10

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

We welcome all who are worshiping with us this morning! Coffee is available in the fellowship hall following the worship service. There are small cups with lids for children to use.

THIS WEEK

Thurs. (18th) – Serving at the Yankton Banquet

Sat. (20th) – SD MCC Relief Sale

NEXT SUNDAY, July 21

Speaker: Pastor Spencer; **Worship Leader:** Brad Carlson; **Musicians:** Debra Schmeichel (organist), Kaufman Sisters (special music); **Greeters:** Bob & Cheryl Wollmann; **Coffee:** Class #10

Worship Offering: General Fund

Sunday school Offering: Camper Scholarships

Children's Offering: Bethany Food Pantry

Matthew and Kelly Erdman will share about their ministry, Family First Worldwide, during the service. The Family First ministry is located in Kampala, Uganda, and serves vulnerable families through education and business creation. They will be updating our congregation on the progress they have made over the last two years and sharing their vision for growth in the future. **You are also welcome** to a full ministry update at 2 PM at the Freeman Prairie Arboretum.

During the Sunday school hour: There will be a program on the experiences of some of the members of North and South churches in military and alternative service. We will talk about the decisions that some of these young men were faced with and what role the church played in their decision.

COMING EVENTS

July 28 – The movie “Zwingli” will be shown at our church.

August 12 – Deacon Board Meeting

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

Derrold and Peggy Waltner will be traveling to Harrisburg, PA, this week to serve at Paxton Ministries July 21-30 (SOOP Service Opportunities with our Partners-MMN). This ministry provides affordable housing and support services to adults in need with Christ-like love. We ask for your prayers as we travel and serve others.

The movie “Zwingli” (also known as “*The Reformer. Zwingli: A Life’s Portrait*”) will be shown here on July 28 at 7:00pm. Information about the film (not recommended for young children) has been posted in the narthex.

The sign-up sheet for making food and serving at the Banquet on Thursday, July 18, is on the narthex table. Monetary donations for groceries are welcome and may be given to Lee Brockmueller earmarked “The Banquet”. Thank you for your willingness to help!

Starting July 28, during the Sunday School hour after Sunday morning worship, Pastor Spencer Bradford will offer a monthly Pastor's Class meeting to discuss scriptures and sermon themes of the past month. On July 28, this time will focus on questions and reflections that members have regarding Bible texts and sermons from July services. This format will be offered again on August 25, Sept. 29, Nov. 3 (for October services) and Dec. 1 (for November services). No long-term commitment is needed -- this is for occasions when individuals want to delve deeper into recent texts and themes from worship. The class will meet in the Pastor's Study, unless announced otherwise. Pastor Spencer also welcomes such discussions one-on-one for those who would like them.

SD MCC RELIEF SALE

SD MCC Relief Sale – July 20, 2024 – Our church is responsible for:

- 6 pies
- 3 people to help set up for the Sale on Friday evening (July 19) at 6 pm. Pizza provided.
- 2 people to help take down after the Sale
- Baked goods donated are always appreciated for the Bake Sale

Questions – ask Marilyn Brockmueller

Relief Sale Notes:

- Friday, July 19, 7pm: bike ride (registration at 6:30pm)
- Saturday, July 20, 9-10 am: Bring pies and items for the live auction, silent auction and bake sale to the Pioneer Hall dining room lobby
- Saturday, July 20: Bring your coins for the MY COINS COUNT for the Bolivia Water project
- Only donations will be received for meals and booth purchases. Donations can be made in cash or with the use of a buyer number. Buyer numbers are needed for the auctions. A donation container will be available in each booth but there will be no cash boxes so no change will be available for those paying in cash
- The entire Saturday event will take place in the Pioneer Hall dining room

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

The last several years have been difficult for the church in Quito. COVID was particularly hard on the church and led to some challenges that the leadership of the church just was not equipped to handle. Coming out of COVID the church decided to bring in an interim pastor to help them engage with some of their challenges. Pastor Sergio from Argentina has been working with the church to develop new leadership to face the new challenges of the church. The church was able to find ways to cover Pastor Sergio's salary for the first two years, but are asking for some help to raise some money to cover the last six months. We need to raise about \$5000 to cover the last six months of Sergio's time with the Quito Mennonite church. Would you be able to help with that? Please send checks to the office in Freeman (PO Box 101, Freeman, SD, 57029-0101) earmarked for Ecuador – Pastor Sergio.

Maintenance Person (Full-time): Freeman Academy seeks a capable full-time maintenance person to care for our beautiful campus. The successful candidate will have experience with a variety of hands-on maintenance as well as managing supplies and working with outside contractors as needed, and will be supported by our volunteer facilities committee. Position reports directly to the Head of School. Interested persons may submit an application or direct questions to Dr. Brad Anderson, Head of School, at banderson@freemanacademy.org, or 605.925.4237.

Business Manager (75%-100%): Freeman Academy seeks a highly detailed, well-organized individual to manage the financial operations of the school, including payroll, as well as human resource processes. Full benefits, including daycare and tuition discounts, apply. For more information or to apply, access the application at <https://freemanacademy.org/about/employment/> or contact Dr. Brad Anderson, Head of School, at banderson@freemanacademy.org / 605.925.4237.

Commemorating 500 Years of Anabaptism + Swiss Alps Tour. Sites: Lake Geneva, cliffside Murren, Mennonites near Bern, & 500 Year Celebration in Zurich. 9-day tour in late May 2025. Details and registration coming soon. Preview tour at www.tourwithweldon.com Interested? Contact Weldon Martens at weldon.martens@gmail.com / 402-202-9276. Persons registering interest will receive early notification when registration opens.

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am/ Sunday School – Following Worship
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Make us a house of peace.

Like the sun on a mountain top, a city on a hill,
Like a river that never stops, let our love reveal,

That You are worthy of everything, every word of praise,
Every song we will ever sing, fountain of all grace:

Our High Priest,
Make us a house of peace.

In the cold of the winter's night, in the summer's day,
In the changes we often fight, let us learn to say,

That You are worthy of everything, every word of praise,
Every song we will ever sing, fountain of all grace:

Our High Priest,
Make us a house of peace.