



Salem Mennonite Church

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July 19, 2020 – 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

“Adagio in E Major” - Bridge

Choral Call to Worship

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Welcome & Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Greeting One Another

Opening Hymn

“Praise to the Lord the Almighty” – HWB #37

II. HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Time

Hearing the Word

Matthew 13:24-30, Genesis 28:10-22

Singing the Word

“Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown” – HWB #503
verses 1, 2, 8, 9

Sermon

“How big is Your God?”

Hymn of Response

“God is Working His Purpose Out” – HWB #638

III. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST

Announcements & Offerings

- ❖ Worship Offering – General Fund
- ❖ Sunday School Offering – Camper Scholarships

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

Choral Response

“This is My Word”

IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Spoken Benediction

Postlude

“Chorale O Man Bewail” – Bach

Worship Leaders: Brian & Wendy Miller; **Speaker:** Lois J. Preheim; **Musical Selections:** Murray Ries (organ), Kathy Kleinsasser (special music) & Libby Miller (hymns)

WORSHIP OFFERING

Worship Offering Next Sunday (7/26) Central Plains Mennonite Conference

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

Offering Next Sunday (7/26) Freeman Academy

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

You will notice the music for “Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown” and “God is Working His Purpose Out” is not the same as in our hymnal. Lois wants you to focus on the words. “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” and “This is My Word” are songs from the church centennial in 2008.

Beginning today, and for the next few weeks, we will be collecting coins for MCC’s “My Coins Count”. There are containers on the table where you come in for you to put your coins.

NEXT SUNDAY, July 26

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.

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COMING EVENTS

July 30 – Mission & Service Team Meeting

August 5 – Monthly Day of Prayer & Fasting

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

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.

Thank you to everyone who donated supplies or money to the Bethany Food Pantry, and also to those who made goodies or donated money for providing a meal at the Yankton Banquet. They were able to feed 205 men, women and children Thursday evening. Dagmar and the Banquet volunteers send greetings and thanks to Salem Mennonite! Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The Mission and Service Team

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. There is a list of kit contents on the narthex table. Boxes will be set out for your donations. Monetary gifts may be given to Chris Eisenbeis, designated for "MCC Kits". Thank you for responding to this ongoing need, especially urgent during this pandemic crisis. Visit mcc.org for more information.

Corona virus update: Scientists are gradually learning more about this new virus and how it spreads. It is unfortunate that some initial recommendations have since been changed. That is understandably frustrating and confusing. We were initially told that people who were not sick did not spread the virus. Studies now clearly show that was wrong, and it is now suspected that up to 50% of spread comes from infected people who don't feel sick. This means that mask wearing is more important than was initially thought. Furthermore, studies now have shown that common "non-medical" masks prevent the virus from escaping an infected person better than they keep a healthy person from inhaling virus particles that float in the air from non-mask wearing people. So we wear masks not so much to protect ourselves, but rather to keep us from spreading the virus to others, even when we may feel well. It seems to me that applying this knowledge respects the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have others do to you." Let us all do our part to keep each other safe. Dennis Ries

While it may seem a bit ridiculous to have instructions on where to sit in the sanctuary, it needs to happen so we can comply with the recommendations set by the Church Council and Deacon Board.

- ✓ Only the center sets of doors are to be used
- ✓ Check the bright pink "label" at the end of the pew that you enter. Please do what it says. The exception to that would be if there are only one or two people at the opposite end of the pew and you can maintain a 6' distance.

The Deacons invite the congregation to share in a Love Offering for the Don and Sonja to help with extra expenses that they have at this time. Along with your donations, there will be a Deacon Fund disbursement and a possible Everence match. This offering will be collected through July 20.

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of Mennonite Central Committee, our South Church Mission and Service Team would like to showcase the work of MCC from a more personal perspective throughout the remainder of the year. If you have served with MCC, we invite you to share your experiences with our church family. If you are willing to participate in this project or have questions, please contact Chantel Hofer.

COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

Rural Revival will meet on Monday, July 27 at 8:00 p.m. in the Upper Meeting Room of the Et Cetera Shoppe in Freeman. All are welcome to attend.

The Et Cetera Shoppe is in need of another volunteer to help price household items on Fridays mornings, from 10:30-12:30. We are receiving tons of donations and it takes many hands to sort through and price them all. If you enjoy rummaging, this could be a fun job for you because the variety is amazing! Call the shop at 925-7098 to express interest. Note: we are currently requiring all volunteers to wear a mask - we can give you one if you don't have your own.

Update on Gordon Scoville: Thank you so much for your continued care for Gordon! He commented recently — with amazement and appreciation for your cards, prayers and support—that “I am surprised! I guess the churches I served all these years still remember me, and really did find value in my ministry!” He speaks with fondness, love and concern about *your* ongoing welfare—you, “his churches”. Gordon’s health still seems mostly stable, while noting that his swallowing and breathing are increasingly impaired. He is not distressed, but resting comfortably, reading and reflecting on his life, literature, history, and world events. Gordon’s sense of humor is evident, showing just a touch of what he calls “gallows humor”—his way of laughing at his mortality, peacefully recognizing that his time is limited. Your prayers and cards are still much appreciated! (**Gordon’s amended address:** *Gordon Scoville, Apt 32, Kinship Pointe of Seward, 500 Heartland Park Drive, Seward, NE 68434.*)

*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.*

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am/ Sunday School – Following Worship
Office Hours – Wednesday - Friday 9:30-12:30; bulletin deadline – 9:30 a.m. Friday
Amy Waltner, Administrative Assistant (southchurch@goldenwest.net) 925-4553
Bob Engbrecht, Pastor 648-3017/659-4331



Relief, development and peace in the name of Christ

Grounded in the words we read in Philippians 2: 3-4, “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others,” **MCC Central States offices and material resources center is closed to the public indefinitely.** The realities of COVID-19 continue to change but the dedication of MCC staff to work for relief, development and peace in the name of Christ continues on. Essential workers will continue to work at MCC, but the rest of the staff will work from home. Your material resource donations (school, hygiene or relief kits and comforters, details at mcc.org/kits) are needed at this time and can be shipped directly to MCC when ordering online or dropped off in the 24-hour donation room towards the east end of the building (121 E. 30th North Newton, KS 67117). In spite of the challenges from COVID-19, the global work of MCC continues. Your financial donations are needed to keep this work going. Give now at mcc.org/donate or by sending checks to MCC PO Box 500 Akron, PA 17501. To contact staff with questions please email us at centralstates@mcc.org or call the office 316.283.2720.

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Hygiene Kit Contents (NEW items only)

- ❖ 1 adult-size toothbrush (in manufacturer's packaging)
- ❖ 1 large bar bath soap (leave in wrapper)
- ❖ 1 nail clipper (good quality)
- ❖ 1 hand towel (medium weight, dark or bright colors; approx. 16" X 26")
- ❖ 1 wide toothed comb (6-8 in.)

Relief Kit Contents (NEW items only)

- ❖ 4 large bars bath soap (leave in wrapper)
- ❖ Shampoo (1 or 2 bottles, totaling more than 20 oz.; place in a resealable plastic bag)
- ❖ 4 large bars laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha, Sunlight or Zote brands)
- ❖ 4 adult-size toothbrushes (in manufacturer's packaging)
- ❖ 4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors; approx.. 29" X 60")
- ❖ 2 wide-toothed combs (6-8 in.)
- ❖ 1 nail clipper (good quality)
- ❖ 1 box adhesive bandages (minimum 40, assorted)
- ❖ Sanitary pads (**THIN**; 1 or 2 packages, minimum 28 pads total)

Thank you for limiting your generosity to the items listed. Due to strict regulations some countries have on the expiration date of toothpaste, MCC no longer asks for toothpaste to be donated with the kits. Instead, we will provide toothpaste with the kits when they ship from our warehouse.

