



Salem Mennonite Church

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I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE

Prelude

"Fantasia" – Pachelbel

Call to Worship (Psalm 146)

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**People: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

Leader: Put not your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help, who return to dust when their breath departs, whose plans perish that very day.

People: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever.

Leader: The LORD works justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

People: The LORD sets the prisoners free, and opens the eyes of the blind.

Leader: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, he watches over the immigrants, and upholds the orphan and the widow. The LORD loves the righteous, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

People: The LORD will reign forever, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

"Crown Him With Many Crowns" – HWB #116

Welcome and Greeting One Another

Confession of Sin (in unison)

Sing the Story (purple) #163

Special Music

*"Farther Along"
"Sweet By and By"*

II. HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Scripture Readings

Mark 12:13-17; Acts 5:26-42

Sermon

“Upsetting the Apple Cart”

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

Announcements & Offerings

- Today’s **Worship offering**: MCUSA
- Today’s **Sunday school offering**: Salem Sunday School
- **Children’s Offering**: Bethany Food Pantry

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

IV. RETURNING TO GOD’S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn

“I’ll Praise my Maker” – HWB #166

Benediction

Sing the Story – #167

Postlude

“Processional in G Major” – Stanley

Greeters: Brent & Angie Brockmueller; **Worship Leader:** Crystal Nelson; **Musicians:** Heather Haggerty (organist), Landon Miller & Libby Miller (special music), Laura Nettifee (accompanist); **Speaker:** Kate Friesen; **Coffee:** Class #10

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

We welcome all who are worshipping 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

Mon. (8th), 7:30 p.m. – Deacon Board Meeting

Thurs. (11th), 7:30 p.m. – Church Council Meeting

Sat. (13th) – Fellowship Hall Reserved

NEXT SUNDAY, July 14

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

Worship Offering: Freeman Academy

Sunday school Offering: Mennonite Disaster Service

Children’s Offering: Bethany Food Pantry

COMING EVENTS

July 18 – Serving at the Yankton Banquet

July 20 – SD MCC Relief Sale

July 21 – Matt Erdman will Share about Family First Uganda

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

Thank you South Church! Words fail to capture what we want to say. Your outpouring of love and appreciation on our retirement Sunday still overwhelms us. It also exhausted us-we overslept on Monday. Some parts of the day seem like a blur or fog-so many people sharing personal comments and memories, recalling events etc. We treasure our time together with you. You will see us often. (You can't get rid of us that easily!) Also thank you for the cards, gifts, delicious meal, all the planning and efforts to make it happen. Quoting the Philippians text from last Sunday "We thank God for our remembrance of each of you." Grace and Peace to Y'all! Bob and Marla

The Mission and Service Team invites you to participate in a monthly conversation and intercessory prayer time with our Ecuador Two Way Mission support group, including the Ross Richers. You can join on the second Tuesday of each month at 6 PM (our time) by entering the Waterford Mennonite Church website, waterfordchurch.org. Then click on Worship, then Online Resources, then scroll to Prayers for Two-Way Mission and click on video or dial in - or in your Zoom app put in the Meeting ID: 853 3848 4428 and Passcode: 274788.

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

The 150 Anniversary committee has put together a program on the experiences of some of the members of North and South churches in military and alternative service over the history of our two churches. We are planning on doing this program during the Sunday School hour on July 21. We will talk about the decisions that some of these young men were faced with and what role the church played in their decision.

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.

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

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

Freeman Network for Justice & Peace will meet Wednesday, July 10 at 11:30 a.m. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

Administration Manager (Full-time): Freeman Academy seeks a well-organized self-starter to manage data systems related to student enrollment, faculty certification, and related data. This person also helps organize school meetings and events and assists the Head of School with other tasks as needed. Full benefits, including daycare and tuition discounts, apply. For more information or to apply, access the application at <https://freemanacademy.org/about/employment/> or contract Dr. Brad Anderson, Head of School, at banderson@freemanacademy.org / 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 contract Dr. Brad Anderson, Head of School, at banderson@freemanacademy.org / 605.925.4237.

Friends of Ecuador,

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.

Thanks,
Nathan

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
Amy Waltner, Administrative Assistant (southchurch@goldenwest.net) 925-4553
Spencer Bradford, Pastor 919-808-2024/spencerbradford42@gmail.com

Prayer Seeds for July 2024

We acknowledge, God of the universe,

Your creative power, your holiness, your love, peace, patience, and desire to walk in the garden you created, to commune with your created ones, to heal the broken world.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray for:

- Donna Lehmann, whose grandson Matthew drowned this week
- Ruth Preheim, Peggy Waltner's brother Doug, Renee's brother Mark, Sonja Waltner's mother Jan, the Bradford's friends in Durham, Jonathan and Sylvia-- all having health issues named
- Ted Lewis, Duluth, MN, long time restorative justice trainer in Central Plains Conference, in hospice with a brain tumor
- Gregg Waltner's neighbor, Loren Roth, suffering a terrible accident with his cattle
- Those who lost their homes in northwest IA in the recent flooding and for MDS's subsequent work in North Sioux City.
- Jerry and Judy Kroeker and Swan Lake staff: the stresses of staff changes, flooding, building and repair
- Quito, Ecuador Mennonite Church in their need for \$5,000 to pay the pastor's salary
- Central Plains Conference's need for direction and unity between all the congregations; the Conference's leadership as well pastors of these congregations
- Those devastated by hurricanes and the wars in Ukraine and Gaza.
- Willing volunteers for the Banquet in Yankton
- Preparations for the Ice Cream Booth at the Fair in Parker in August
- The MCC relief sale this month

Thank you for answered prayer, for hearing what we don't name or know we need, for the gifts of our community, for good and faithful leadership, for the privilege of being Your hands and feet in many and various ways.

Praying with the congregation: Peggy and Derrold, Greg, Spencer and Renee, Duane and Dennis, and Lois JP.