



Salem Mennonite Church

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March 10, 2024 – Lent 5 Christ among Us, the New Covenant

I. GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

- <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 “Alas! And did my Savior Bleed?” – arr. H. Livingston
“Ride on, ride on in majesty” – arr. D. Paxton

Instrumental Call to Worship “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus” – arr. Pethel

Call to Worship (from John 12)

Leader: Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. When Christ is lifted up from the earth, he will draw all people to himself.

People: We would see Jesus, and glorify God’s name.

Leader: Whoever would serve Jesus must follow him.

People: The hour has come to glorify Jesus Christ, and to bear much fruit in dying to ourselves.

Leader: Whoever serves Jesus, his Father will honor.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn “Let all Creation Bless the Lord”—HWB #61

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Hymn of Confession and Reconciliation “O God, How we Have Wandered”
STS #58

II. HEARING GOD'S WORD

Worship Music

“My Jesus, I Love Thee” – arr. Mallory

Scripture

Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Colossians 3:1-15; John 12:20-33

Sermon

“Hidden in Christ's Cross”

Hymn of Response

“In the Bulb there is a Flower” – HWB #614 (vs. 1 & 3)

Children's Time

III. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST

Announcements & Offerings

- Today's **Worship offering**: Mennonite Mission Network
- Today's **Sunday school offering**: Members in Mission
- **Children's Offering**: Heifer International

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Closing Hymn

“Lord Jesus, You Shall be my song” – STJ #14 (vs. 1-4)

Benediction (from Deuteronomy 10)

Now, go to revere the LORD your God, and walk in all his ways. Love and serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and keep the commandments of the LORD your God for your own well-being. For the LORD has set his heart on you in love; he is your praise, he is your God. Amen.

Postlude

Greeters: Brent & Angie Brockmueller; **Worship Leader:** Lois Preheim; **Musicians:** Debra Schmeichel (organist); **Special Music:** Handbells, MeKayla Preheim (flute); **Speaker:** Pastor Spencer; **Children's Time:** 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 during coffee time. Parents, please tell and/or help your child use these cups.

THIS WEEK

Wed. (20th), 6:30 p.m. – Handbells; **7:30 p.m.** – Chancel Choir
8:30 p.m. – Ladies' Ensemble

Thurs. (21st), 9:30 a.m. – Early Bulletin Deadline

Fri. (22nd), 5:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m. – Shirley Brockmueller Visitation at Walter's
Funeral Home

Sat. (23rd), 11:00 a.m. – Funeral Service for Shirley Brockmueller

NEXT SUNDAY, March 24

Speaker: Pastor Spencer; **Worship Leader:** Brad Carlson; **Musicians:** Heather Haggerty (organist); **Greeters:** Brent & Angie Brockmueller; **Coffee:** Class #10

Worship Offering: Central Plains Mennonite Conference

Sunday school Offering: Freeman Regional Assisted Living

Children's Offering: Heifer International

COMING EVENTS

March 21 – Early Bulletin Deadline

March 24-27 – Holy Week Services at Hutterthal

March 29 – Good Friday Service

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

The Trustees are accepting bids for mowing the church grounds this summer. The job includes mowing and trimming all grass areas around the church, parsonage and cemetery. If interested please submit your written bid to Rodney Waltner by Monday, April 1, 2024.

Mark your calendars! This year North Church is hosting Vacation Bible School on June 3-7. We will be sending out more information as VBS gets closer, but if you want to volunteer early or have any questions, contact Bailey Carlson and Libby Miller.

It has come to our attention that the sanctuary has evidence of mice! The evidence seems to fall where food is most likely consumed on Sunday morning. Please be conscious about cleaning up after church and taking all food and food packaging with you. Thank you. Trustees

Swiss-Volhynian 150th Anniversary - The anniversary committee is seeking contributions to cover expenses for this celebration. We are channeling our finances through the South Church General Fund. Checks should be made to Salem Mennonite Church earmarked for the 150th Anniversary. Gifts may be given to any committee member (Corey Miller, Gwen Ortman, Marnette Hofer, Polly Waltner, Everett Waltner or Rudy Brockmueller).

If you would like to donate an Easter lily in honor or in memory of someone, please contact Cheryle at Fensel's. 605-925-4204

If anyone from Salem Mennonite Church has a project that could benefit from the Endowment Fund, the Endowment Fund Team will be accepting Grant Applications during the month of March. Application forms may be obtained by asking any Endowment Fund Team member or the church office. Please consider this opportunity to further the outreach of our church. Total 2023 Endowment Fund earnings were approximately \$29,000. We would like to retain some of the 2023 earnings to help recover 2022 Endowment Fund losses. Therefore total funds available for distribution in 2024 are anticipated to be in the \$20,000 to \$25,000 range. Janver Stucky, Endowment Fund Team Chairman

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

The Sermon on the Mount Mennonite Church of Sioux Falls is organizing a visit to Congressional offices in Sioux Falls on Wednesday, March 27. We will be presenting MCC Health kits to the office staff to give to their Congressman. This is an alternative to spending U.S. money on weapons that Israel uses to fight in Gaza. We are inviting you to join us. More detailed information will be in next Sunday's bulletin. Mennonite Action, which was formed soon after the Palestine/Israel war began, is calling for these visits during March 25-29.

Hope Harbor is a non-profit ministry founded in 2005 by three women of prayer. It offers family-style care for teens as they heal from a variety of issues that are unfortunately commonplace for youth today. These include past abuse, trauma, anger, substance use, mental health challenges, exploitation, self-harm, suicidal ideation, anxiety, attachment issues, and more. They work with ordinary kids who are healing from extraordinary things; each one a child of God, loved by the Savior. **The Parker location** is in need of volunteers and is requesting that the local churches come alongside them in this venture. If there are any questions, you can call the facility at (605) 297-2611. To fill out an application, you can go to hopeharbormn.org/volunteer. Thank you!

Mark your calendars for the SD MCC Relief Sale to be held on Saturday, July 20, 2024 in Freeman, SD.

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
Bob Engbrecht, Pastor 648-3017/659-4331

Prayer List for March

We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers.

We continually remember our God and Father

your work produced by faith,

your work prompted by love

your endurance inspired by hope

in our Lord Jesus Christ.

I Thess. 1: 2-3

We are thankful

- that God loved us first before we loved God
- that Jesus was willing to sacrifice himself so that we might know that
God's love is not about punishment and wrath
- for Mary Anderson's years of faithful service in the kitchen at Swan Lake Christian camp
- MDS's annual celebration of the past year's work and that Shirley and Dennis Ries were able to attend
- that more people are pushing for a ceasefire in Gaza
- for the prison congregation's baptism of 31 inmates

We are mindful

- of people in transition: Spencer's mother Carolyn, Irene Mutchelknaus, Martha Hernandez, Anna Janzen
- of people living in various assisted living facilities and we celebrate the lives of Elvera Peters and Donna Lehmann
- of families losing loved ones: Ruth Strasser's brother, Elizabeth Raid, Alice Suderman, Shirley Brockmueller's family
- of people suffering the consequences of natural disasters
- of the need for ongoing prayer and financial support for Oyate Hope Academy on the Pine Ridge reservation and Family First program in Uganda, for Ecuador ministries
- of all the people working at Schmeckfest this month and of the ongoing need for support of Freeman Academy's mission to bring Christian formation to the community's children
- of the need for support in prayer for all our congregation's leadership in every position
- of Michele Hershberger preparing to be our speaker during Holy Week
- of consequences both nationally and internationally in the upcoming US election

Join us at Hutterthal Mennonite Church for annual Holy Week services on March 24, 25, 26, and 27. Each year, local Mennonite churches in and around Freeman join together to worship as one community during this sacred time just before Easter Sunday. Each service will begin at 7 PM and will include familiar hymns, musical performances from our church members, a children's story for the young ones among us, and challenging and inspiring sermons from our guest speaker. Everyone is welcome.



This year's guest speaker is Michele Hershberger, professor of Bible and Ministry at Hesston College. She has joyously served the church as a professor, author, pastor, conference youth minister, and speaker. This spring, she will finish her 24th year at Hesston College, where she teaches Bible and serves as one of the campus pastors. She has authored four books, including *Why Did Jesus Die and What Difference Does it Make?* and the official baptismal preparation book for Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada, *God's Story, Our Story*. Michele is married to Del Hershberger, and they have three grown children.