



Salem Mennonite Church

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March 24, 2024 – Palm Sunday Christ among Us, the Way of a Servant

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

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” – Kaufmann
“Hosanna!” – Benson

Call to Worship (from Psalm 118)

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

People: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

People: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Leader: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

People: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

Leader: We bless you from the house of the LORD.

People: The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

Leader: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

People: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” —HWB #238

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Special Music

Children’s Time

Confession of Sin

HWB #695 (in unison)

II. HEARING GOD’S WORD

Scripture

Zechariah 9:9-11; John 11:45-12:9

Sermon

“What Kind of King?”

Hymn of Response

“How Shall I Follow Him” – MH #349

III. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST

Announcements & Offerings

- Today’s **Worship offering**: Central Plains Mennonite Conference
- Today’s **Sunday school offering**: Freeman Regional Assisted Living
- **Children’s Offering**: Heifer International

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Closing Hymn

“Ride On, Ride on in Majesty” – HWB #239

Benediction

HWB #758

Postlude

“Hosanna!” – arr. Spong

Greeters: Brent & Angie Brockmueller; **Worship Leader:** Brad Carlson; **Musicians:** Heather Haggerty (organist), Children; **Speaker:** Pastor Spencer; **Children’s Time:** Jeri Butkus; **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.

7:00 p.m. – Holy Week Service at Hutterthal

THIS WEEK

Mon. (25th) – Wed. (27th), 7:00 p.m. – Holy Week Services at Hutterthal

Fri. (29th), 7:00 p.m. – Good Friday Service With C

NEXT SUNDAY, March 31

Speaker: Pastor Spencer; **Worship Leaders:** Brian & Wendy Miller; **Musicians:** Sharla Unruh (organist), Chancel Choir; **Greeters:** Brent & Angie Brockmueller; **Coffee:** Class #10

Worship Offering: Freeman Academy

Sunday school Offering: Heifer International

Children's Offering: Heifer International

8:15 a.m. – Youth will begin serving breakfast

9:00 a.m. – Children should meet in the narthex for an Easter Egg Hunt. Please bring a basket or something to put your eggs in.

COMING EVENTS

April 2 – Monthly Day of Prayer & Fasting

April 4 – Early Bulletin Deadline

April 8 – Deacon Board Meeting

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

Have you ever wondered how well you really know someone? Or when you meet someone new, do you want to know more about them? Maybe we don't know each other as well as we think? As Pastor Spencer and Renee have joined our congregation and desire to get to know us, we have put together a questionnaire that will help us all know each other better. The questionnaire, which will be in your church mailbox, will contain ten questions, please choose 5 to answer. Each Sunday we will share a minimum of 2 responses in a bulletin insert. Please fill out the questionnaire and return to the box on the table in the narthex by April 7th. Thank you for your participation!

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.

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 March edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Kevin King explores where we would see Jesus in disaster responses, get the latest on the damage left by the Midwest tornadoes, and learn how a remote electrician is adding a spark to an MDS project. Plus, check out the volunteer opportunities for this summer and fall.

Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/4adqxsS>

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month – This year's theme is: "A World of Opportunities" – the South Dakota Council on Developmental Disabilities is celebrating people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and communities working together to remove obstacles. Our goal is to build a community that's committed to creating a world where everyone can do well and succeed. Join us in making a world where all people have the chance to thrive. You can also learn about supporting our disabled friends from the Anabaptist Disabilities Network

www.anabaptistdisabilitiesnetwork.org/Rescources/DisabilityTopics/Intellectual-disabilities

Rural Revival will meet April 1 at 8:00 p.m. at the Freeman library. All are welcome to attend.

Spring has finally sprung! As you dive into spring cleaning, please consider donating your high-quality items to Et Cetera Shoppe. We have an extremely important mission right here in our own community: providing affordable clothing and home items for low-income and fixed-income community members. Many of our customers *depend* on Et Cetera Shoppe to furnish their homes and closets. We accept donations of clean, folded clothing, working household items, and good condition furniture pieces on Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. A thrift store can only be as good as the donations it receives, so help us to be the best we can!

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 South Dakota's Congressman and Senators. The theme of the visit is "Send Aid, Not Bombs". The U.S. has been supplying Israel with weapons in its war against Hamas in the Gaza Strip, and over 30,000 civilian Palestinians have been killed. With relief aid severely restricted by Israel, hundreds of thousands in Gaza now are starving, and famine is imminent, according to MCC. This witness is to promote support for an immediate ceasefire in the war, and for alternative spending on relief supplies and peacebuilding, instead of military spending that deepens violence and conflict in the region. We are inviting you to join us. **Participants will gather at the Downtown Public Library, 200 N. Dakota Ave. at 10:30 A.M. on Wednesday March 27.** Parking is available in the library parking lot. From there we will be walking a couple blocks to Senator Mike Rounds' office at 320 N. Main Ave. Next we will be walking to Congressman Dusty Johnson's office, about 5 blocks, at Suite 307, 230 S. Phillips Ave. Next we will go back to our vehicles and drive to Senator John Thune's office at 5015 South Bur Oak Place. This is off 57th. St. between Western and Louise Avenues. Participants are welcome to wear Mennonite caps or sweatshirts sporting logos of MCC, MDS and Mennonite Church, and to bring peace signs. We will be singing as we gather at each office. Please call Beth Yoder at 937-844-9175 for additional information.

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

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.

Sunday, March 24 at 7 PM: Mark 2:1-12 "Tearing Up The Roof"

Livestream

link: <https://youtube.com/live/FPiTXwYVWF4?feature=share>

Monday, March 25 at 7 PM: John 3:1-12 "Staring At Your Snake"

Livestream

link: <https://youtube.com/live/usoeNmK6Zn0?feature=share>

Tuesday, March 26 at 7 PM: Luke 8:40-56 "Touching the Tzitzit"

Livestream

link: <https://youtube.com/live/cncN1ZGINSc?feature=share>

Wednesday, March 27 at 7 PM: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 "Keeping the Faith"

Livestream

link: <https://youtube.com/live/o05Uuq7mkw?feature=share>