



Salem Mennonite Church

A Congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

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March 26, 2023 – Lent 5

I. GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

(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

“Herliebster Jesu” – Brahms
“Herliebster Jesu” – arr. Held

Choral Call to Worship

“Come, Thou Almighty King” – Giardini/Lister

Call to Worship (*based on Psalm 130*)

Leader: Out of the depths we cry to you.

People: **O Lord, hear our cry.**

Leader: If you kept a record of sins, who would stand a chance?

People: **O Lord, hear our cry.**

Leader: But with you there is forgiveness.

All: ***We wait for you, O Lord. We hope in your word. Blessed be your name.***

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God” – HWB #46

Welcome & Greeting One Another

II. HEARING GOD’S WORD

Scripture Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Sermon

“Jesus’ Words of Life”

Anthem

“Peace Like a River” – arr. Raney

III. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST

Announcements & Offerings

- Today's **Worship offering** is for Freeman Academy
- Today's **Sunday school offering** is Camper Scholarships
- **Children's Offering** is for Sioux Falls Children's Home

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Closing Hymn

"O Master, Let me Walk with Thee" – HWB #357

Spoken Benediction

Put your hope in the Lord. The Lord is unfailing love, and with God is full redemption. God will bring us up from our graves. *God will redeem us from all our sins.*

Postlude

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" – J.S. Bach

Greeters: Brent & Angie Brockmueller; **Musicians:** Sharon Waltner (organist); **Special Music:** Men's Choir; **Worship Leader:** Cheryle Gering; **Scripture Readers:** Madelyn Anderson, Seth Balzer, Sam Gering, Jazzlyn Tschetter, Shad Tschetter, and Henry Waltner; **Speaker:** Pastor Bob; **Coffee:** Class #18

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.

THIS WEEK

Wed., (29th), 6:30 p.m. – Youth Group, Handbells

8:30 p.m. – Ladies' Ensemble

Thurs. (30th), 7:00 p.m. – Mission & Service Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY, April 2

Speaker: Pastor Gene; **Worship Leader:** Brent Brockmueller; **Musicians:** Barb Yoder (pianist); **Special Music:** Lyle Preheim & Ken Mannes; **Greeters:** Bob & Cheryl Wollmann; **Coffee:** Class #14

Worship offering is for Central Plains Mennonite Conference

Sunday school offering is for Salem Sunday School

Children's Offering is for Sioux Falls Children's Home

7:00 p.m. – Holy Week service at Bethany. More information on Holy week is on the back of the bulletin.

COMING EVENTS

March 29 – Youth Group

April 2-5 – Holy Week Services at Bethany

April 5 – Fellowship Hall Reserved

April 10 – Deacon Board Meeting

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

If you would like to donate an Easter lily in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Cheryle at 605-925-4204.

Ministry Descriptions available - Anyone starting in a new position this year or doesn't have a copy of their ministry description and would like a copy, please contact Marilyn Brockmueller from the Gifts Discernment Team or Chantel Hofer from the Policy Team. The Ministry Description document is being updated by the Policy Team and is not yet ready for publication. However, individual ministry descriptions are available upon request.

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 April 26, 2023.

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

The Bridgewater Community Cantata will be presenting *God So Loved the World* in Bridgewater and Emery during this year's Easter season. The cantata features well-known old and contemporary hymns and presents the simple truth of the Easter message of Jesus's sacrifice and resurrection.

The performances will be at the Diamond Care Center in Bridgewater (Sunday, Mar. 26 at 2:30 pm), the Zion Bible Church in Bridgewater (Sun., Apr. 2 at 7:30 pm), and the First Baptist Church in Emery (Fri., Apr. 7 at 7:30 pm).

Please join the chorus and communities in celebrating the marvelous message of the Easter season!

Rural Revival will meet on Monday, March 27 at 7:30 P.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

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
Gene Miller, Interim Pastor, 330-749-1290
Bob Engbrecht, Pastor 648-3017/659-4331

Holy Week Services
April 2-5, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Bethany Mennonite Church

Here are the topics our speaker, Dr. Nathan Hitchcock, will be addressing throughout the evenings. The topic may seem a bit surprising but it's about discipleship and drawing nearer to God.

Session 1: Sunday, April 2

Be Angry: Introduction

Text: Ephesians 5:25-27

Session 2: Monday, April 3

Be Angry: Good Anger

Text: Mark 3:1-6

Session 3: Tuesday, April 4

Be Angry: Bad Anger

Text: Mark 3:1-6

Session 4: Wednesday, April 5

Be Angry: The Anger of God

Text: John 3:36

Dr. Nathan Hitchcock is owner of Sevensided Consulting, where he works with seminaries, denominations, and mission agencies to implement competency-based theological education. In a day when many educational organizations are struggling just to hang on, Dr. Hitchcock is helping them to thrive. Previously, he taught church history and theology at Sioux Falls Seminary. He received his PhD from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. Dr. Hitchcock lives in Brandon, SD with his wife, two children, and an array of snoring Boston terriers.