



Salem Mennonite Church

A Congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

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March 5, 2023 – Lent 2

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 “Lenten Chorale on St. Petersburg” – Ashdown
“My Jesus, I Love Thee” – Bish

Choral Call to Worship “Come, Holy Spirit, Descend” - Bell

Call to worship (*based on Psalm 121*)

Leader: Lift your eyes to the hills—
where does your help come from?

People: **Our help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

All: ***Let us worship our God, who
watches over us now and always.***

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn “Great is Thy Faithfulness” – HWB #327

Welcome & Greeting One Another

II. HEARING GOD’S WORD

Scripture Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon “The Wilderness Teaches Us”

Worship Music “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” – arr. Martin

III. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST

Announcements & Offerings

- Today's **Worship offering** is for Mennonite Central Committee
- Today's **Sunday school offering** is Salem Sunday School
- **Children's Offering** is for Sioux Falls Children's Home

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Closing Hymn

"Breathe on me, Breath of God" – HWB #356

Spoken Benediction

The Lord watch over you—

the Lord bless you and make you a blessing;

the sun will not harm you by day,

nor the moon by night.

The Lord will bring you to life and carry you safely home.

Postlude

"Jig Fugue" – Buxtehude

Greeters: Bob & Cheryl Wollmann; **Musicians:** Sharla Unruh (organist); **Special Music:** Chancel Choir; **Worship Leaders:** Brian & Wendy Miller; **Speaker:** Gene Miller; **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

Mon. (6th), 7:00 p.m. – Deacon Board Meeting

Tues. (7th) – Monthly Day of Prayer & Fasting, **7:30 p.m.** – Prayer Meeting

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85365395504>

- **Meeting ID:** 853 6539 5504 **Passcode:** prayer2020

- One tap mobile +13462487799,,85365395504# US (Houston)

- Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 **Meeting ID:** 853 6539 5504

Wed. (8th), 6:30 p.m. – Handbells

7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir

8:30 p.m. – Men's Choir, Ladies' Ensemble

Thurs. (9th), 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY, March 12

Speaker: Gene Miller; **Worship Leader:** Brad Carlson; **Musicians:** Heather Haggerty (organist); **Special Music:** Bells; **Greeters:** Brent & Angie Brockmueller; **Coffee:** Class #18

Worship offering is for Mennonite Mission Network

Sunday school offering is for Camper Scholarships

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

COMING EVENTS

March 15 – Youth Group

March 19 – Anabaptist Bible Study Intro Meeting

March 23 – Early Bulletin Deadline

March 24 & 25 – Schmeckfest

March 29 – Youth Group

April 2-5 – Holy Week Services at Bethany

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

There is still time to sign up for the Anabaptist Bible Study sessions. There are four sessions. The first one, scheduled for March 19 at 4:00 p.m., is an introductory session. The times for the next 3 sessions will be determined by the group for meeting in April and May. The deadline for reporting our commentary is June 1. Ideally, we would like several groups of 8, with a scribe designated in each group so we can combine the commentary from all groups. Each participant will receive a participant guide to use before each group session.

Please think about **young people** in your congregation who have demonstrated Jesus's way of love and peacemaking. This year the Central Plains Peace and Justice Task Group is doing the *Peace Mug Award* a little differently. We are seeking **young** nominations for the Conference's *Peace Mug*. We are looking for an **emerging** peacemaker. This can be anyone **in their teens and twenties** that you have seen doing small acts of peacemaking and kindness or who has spoken out in the face of injustice. Whom do you see as an **emerging** peacemaker in your congregation? Send names and a brief description of why you are nominating them to Jane Y-S (wilmajane17@gmail.com). We need them by Wednesday, March 22!

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

The January 12, 1888, blizzard will be the focus for Lois Preheim, author and educator, who will be the speaker at the annual meeting of the Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association. Her book, "Trailing the Schoolchildren's Blizzard" chronicles experiences of families living in ten locations along the storm's route extending from Canada down through the United States. Dr. Preheim has degrees from Freeman Junior College, the University of Nebraska and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. She is a retired kindergarten-twelve principal having taught pre-school through college age students. Currently she resides in Newton, Kansas.

The annual meeting will be held on March 12, 2023, at 2:30 at the First Mennonite Church of Christian in Moundridge.

SCHMECKFEST NOTES

Schmeckfest Request: We very much appreciate those of you who have volunteered to work in the kitchen and dining hall during Schmeckfest. There are 50 positions still open that are needed to prepare and serve the meal for our guests. If you are willing to help, please call Debra Schmeichel (648-3430). Thank you!

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped during the past several weekends to make noodles, cottage cheese pockets and kuchen for this year's Schmeckfest. Together, we produced 250 lbs. of noodles, 390+ dozen cottage cheese pockets and 300 kuchen. We are blessed and humbled by your generously sharing your talents, time and resources. Thank you and God bless!

- 2023 Schmeckfest Steering Committee

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am/ Sunday School – Following Worship
Office Hours – Wednesday - Friday 9:30-12:30; bulletin deadline – 9:30 a.m. Friday
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