



Salem Mennonite Church

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LENT TWO – March 8, 2020

Lord, Show Us the Way Out

I. GATHERED & LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

Prelude “Christ lag in Todesbanden (Christ Lay in the Bonds of Death)”
In various arrangements – J. Pachelbel, F. Zachau, and S. Scheidt

Invocation Hymn “I Stand Amazed in the Presence” blue HWB #528

Welcome

Confession of Our Sin **Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7**

Assurance of God’s Refuge **Psalm 91**

Offering Mennonite Mission Network (MMN)
“Pavanne” – Faure/McChesney

II. RECEIVING CHRIST, THE WORD MADE FLESH

Hearing Scripture **Matthew 4:1-11**

Hymn of Response “When We Are Tempted” purple SS #81

Pastoral Reflection “And deliver us...”

III. RESPONDING TO GOD’S DELIVERANCE

Handbell Response “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”
– Atkinson/ Dobrinski

Congregational Prayers & Sharing

- ❖ We pray for **Melvin Schmeichel** during this time of hospice care, that God give the peace of Christ to Melvin's mind, body and spirit, and to the family during this time; may he and they "*abide in the shelter of the Most High and say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.'*" (Psalm 91:1-2)
- ❖ We give God thanks for those elected to serve on the **Ministerial Search Team: Cheryle Gering, Brent Mutchelknaus, Jarrod Preheim, Matt Waltner & Bob Wollmann** (as well as a **deacon representative** TBD); may this team be led by God's Spirit that they may discern well and say, "*It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us.*" (Acts 15:28)
- ❖ We pray for the **Central Plains & MMN delegation** celebrating the **Ecuador Partnership's 20th anniversary** this weekend in Quito and visiting **Jane & Jerrell Ross Richer** in the rainforest next week; may their worship and fellowship encourage our congregations and leaders that we may all be "*Christ's ambassadors... given the ministry of reconciliation.*" (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

IV. SENT INTO THE WILDERNESS OF TESTING

Sending Song "I am Weak and I Need Thy Strength" blue HWB #553

Benediction

Postlude "Hail, Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer" – H. Livingston, Jr.

Greeters: Chris & Carol Eisenbeis; **Musicians:** Marilyn Brockmueller (organ), Handbells; **Worship Leader:** Lois Janzen-Preheim; **Speaker:** Pastor Nick; **Nursery:** Rachel Waltner; **Children's Story:** Jeri Butkus; **Coffee:** Young Marrieds

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

Adult S.S. Offering Today
Offering Next Sunday
Children's S.S. Offering

Student Tuition Sharing Fund
Members in Mission
Community Gardens

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

We welcome all who have come to worship with us this morning! Please take time to greet others, invite them to Sunday school, and grab some coffee.

THIS WEEK

Wed. (11th), 6:30 p.m. – Handbells, **7:30 p.m.** – Chancel Choir
8:30 p.m. – Ladies' Ensemble

Sat. (14th), 10:00 a.m. – Men's Bible Study at the Freeman Public Library

NEXT SUNDAY, March 15

Speaker: Pastor Nick; **Worship Leader:** Cheryle Gering; **Musicians:** Sharon Waltner (organ), Ladies' Ensemble; **Greeters:** Chris & Carol Eisenbeis; **Offering:** Mennonite Central Committee; **Nursery:** Vernetta Waltner; **Coffee:** Young Marrieds #10

COMING EVENTS

March 18 – Youth Supper & Bible Study

March 19 & 26 – Early Bulletin Deadline & Printing

March 20, 21 & 27, 28 - Schmeckfest

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

The Trustees are looking for several individuals who would be interested in the church's janitorial positions. Please contact one of the Trustees (Craig M., Myles M., Don W., Jeffrey P., Duane R., Rodney W.) if you have any questions or are interested in this paid position. In addition, if anyone would like to submit a lawn mowing bid for this year, please talk to Craig Miller.

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

Thank You Note from Tim Detweiler, former CPMC Conference Minister for Ministerial Leadership: "I am grateful for the support I have felt from our CPMC churches. Thank you for your prayers, expressions of support, cards and encouragements given to me with my recent heart surgery. The surgeon was able to put in a new biological mitral valve and do one bypass procedure. I returned home February 25. Home is a good place to be. Thank you for your ongoing prayers for healing and recuperation following surgery. Thank you again and may the Lord bless you and keep you all." - Tim Detweiler

Families interested in Freeman Academy's vibrant Christian education are invited to open houses on Friday, March 13, and Monday, April 20. Drop in for coffee and conversation about our caring community which provides Variable Tuition, Faith and Leadership Scholarships, and personalized lessons for students. Short tours including classroom visits are also available. Both open houses welcome guests from 9:45 am to 1 pm. Contact Enrollment Director Lynnelle Allison for more information at llallison@FreemanAcademy.org or 605.925.4237 extension 225.

Screening for incoming kindergarten students will be held March 31 at 3:45-4:45 pm in Music Hall at Freeman Academy. Parents can register their children at FreemanAcademy.org. Children must be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2020. Class

size is limited to 12 students with one teacher. For more information contact lallison@FreemanAcademy.org or 605.925.4237 extension 225.

Come enjoy varenyky, ham, salad, and mooss Saturday, March 14, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Mountain Lake (MN) Christian School. Your donation will help Mennonite Central Committee provide relief for refugees in Ukraine, as they did a century ago. Also, bid (by silent auction) on an MCC centennial commemorative pitcher by potter Mark Goertzen, and pick up *A Place for Ruth* (a biography from a World War II refugee's perspective). The Mountain Lake Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf will receive 10% of proceeds.

Interested in partnering with others who care about restorative justice? Join an MVS unit in places like Chicago; Washington, D.C.; San Francisco; and Alamosa. Age: 20+; term: 1–2 years. Learn more at www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve.

Please join MCC Central States in our first Young Adult Immigration Learning Tour. May 25–29th, MCC invites young adults to South Texas to raise awareness about the increasing migrant deaths, militarization, environment degradation, effects on habitat and effects on sister communities near the border wall along the Mexico/U.S. border. Participants will increase their understanding and knowledge of the social, economic, political and biblical/theological significance of migration in border communities, including advocacy tools and capacity building to engage others on borderlands and migration issues. Some grants may be available to interested participants with financial need. For registration or to inquire about a grant, please contact Abby Endashaw, 720-500-3413, abbyendashaw@mcc.org. Final Registration Deadline April 1, 2020.

Attention all MCC Alumni, make plans now to join MCC at an alumni weekend at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, August 7-9! Bring your family for a relaxing weekend at camp, lots more information and a link to the camp registration is now available at mcc.org/alumni-gathering. Questions, please reach out to jordanpenner@mcc.org or 316-727-6837. We're already looking forward to a fun weekend together this summer!

SCHMECKFEST NOTES

The Schmeckfest Country Kitchen is asking for donations of food items for March 20, 21 and 27, 28. Poppy seed rolls, fruit pockets, pumpkin rolls, caramel rolls, jams, horseradish and summer savory sell especially well. Donated food items for the Country Kitchen may be brought to Sterling Hall and should be labeled. Thank you!

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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