



Salem Mennonite Church

A Congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

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May 1, 2022

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 "Blessed Assurance" – arr. Kaiser

Choral Call to Worship "To God be the Glory" – arr. Lister

Opening Prayer

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Opening Hymn "Gentle Shepherd" – HWB #352

II. HEARING GOD'S WORD

Hearing Scripture Exodus 12:31-34 & 19-22; John 1:29-34 & 13:1-17

Sermon "Come to the Water"

Remembering our Baptism

Anthem "Come Thou Fount" – arr. Schrader

III. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST

Announcements & Offerings

- Today's **Worship offering** is for Daily Vacation Bible School
- Today's **Sunday school offering** is for Salem Sunday School
- **Children's Offering** is for MCC Hygiene Kits

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Sending Hymn

“Praise God from Whom” – HWB #118

Spoken Benediction

Postlude

Greeters: Peg Waltner and Monte Waltner; **Musicians:** Barb Yoder (pianist), Men’s Choir; **Worship Leader:** Brennan Waltner; **Speaker:** Pastor Bob; **Coffee:** North East #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.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Today’s theme considers God’s covenant with us, our covenant with God and our covenant with each other as a congregation and community of faith. This fellowship with God and each other is celebrated and observed in Holy Communion and Baptism. Following the morning’s meditation you will be given the opportunity to renew, and remember your vows to God and congregation.

In front of the sanctuary, a cup, loaf of bread and flowing fountain serve as a visual reminder that as God’s children we need both cleansing and nourishment. You are invited to come forward to confirm the bond we have with Christ and each other through baptism and Holy Communion. Children are also invited and are reminded they are members of God’s family and our congregation.

Included in the display are copies of baptismal vows and the order for communion. Please take a copy as a reference to the mystery of God’s grace give to his people.

4:00 p.m. – Baccalaureate Service for the seniors of Freeman Public and Freeman Academy will be held at the Freeman Community Center.

THIS WEEK

Tues. (3rd), 7:30 p.m. – Christian Formation Meeting

Wed. (4th), Monthly Day of Prayer & Fasting, 8:00 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

Thurs. (5th), 7:30 p.m. – Congregational Round Table Discussion. Come prepared to discuss the survey summary.

NEXT SUNDAY, May 8

Speaker: Pastor Jack; **Worship Leader:** Kaye Waltner; **Musicians:** Debra Schmeichel (organist); **Greeters:** Peg Waltner and Monte Waltner; **Coffee:** North East #18

Worship offering is for General Fund

Sunday school offering is for Children's Inn

Children's Offering is for MCC Hygiene Kits

COMING EVENTS

May 11 – Church Council Meeting

May 27-29 – Special MC USA Delegate Session in Kansas City

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 Duane Ries by May 8, 2022.

Central Plains Annual Meeting isn't just for delegates and pastors (although if you are delegate, youth delegate or pastor and haven't registered—register now!) -All are invited to Freeman, SD June 16-19 to worship, learn, fellowship, and discern together! Visit our website to learn more and to register! www.centralplainsmc.org/annual-meeting-2022

The Annual Meeting for the Central Plains Mennonite Conference will be held in Freeman, starting Thursday, June 16 through Sunday, June 19. Some conference attendees prefer to stay in family homes, and we are putting together a list of potential hosts from the local congregations for in-home lodging during the conference. If you are able to provide in-home lodging for CPMC Annual Meeting participants, please contact Brent Brockmueller at brentbrockmueller@gmail.com.

Is there a graduate in your family? Please notify Amy if there is. I want to know where they are graduating from and plans for the fall. I would like pictures of high school grads. If there are college grads please let me know where they are graduating from and the degree. It would also be nice to know of future plans.

Process of Discernment for MC-USA Resolutions:

May 1 - written report of questionnaire to congregation

May 8 - congregational meeting immediately following the service for straw vote on 3 ballot issues

We are excited to announce that we will be having DVBS this summer! It will be held June 6-10 from 9am-1:15pm at the North Church. Registration forms will be available on the table in the Narthex. They will be due May 22. Our theme is Passport to Peace! Every day we will focus on a different country/continent. We are looking for some willing individuals to let us borrow some décor and/or pictures from Africa, North America, Asia, Europe and South/Central America. We are wondering if there would be a few individuals willing to share a personal story about peacemaking. **We are also looking for the following supplies:** Big world maps, globes, safety cones, empty milk jugs, 10 empty 2 liter pop bottles, 4 wooden boards that are 2inx6inx6ft, train decor, train puzzles, map puzzles, airplane decor. **If you are willing** to help out or have questions, please contact Lacey Friesen, Lynelle Hofer, Carmelle Miller or Libby Miller.

Cards may be sent to Sue Gering (wife of Don Gering) at Baptist Integris Hospital, Room 801-ICU, 3300 NW Expressway, Oklahoma City, OK 73112.

Easter lilies were given in loving memory of:

Ryan and Jerry Graber from their family

Arlen and Kate Miller from Florence and family

Dr. Ernest & Elsie Hofer and Gloria & Merle Miller from Dawn Stahl

Lester & Doris Ries from Dennis & Shirley Ries

Lefty Ries and Karen Cressman from their family

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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