



Salem Mennonite Church

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May 10, 2020 – “A Farewell Sunday” *South Church Worship (online)*

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#

Pre-service Music “Holy Manna” – arr. Marilyn Houser Hamm
“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant” – arr. Lucia Unrau

Organ Prelude “O Sons & Daughters” – arr. Leavitt

Welcome, Call to Worship & Prayer

Praising God “God of the Bible” green SJ #27

Greeting One Another

Mother’s Day Music Retrospective “She’s a VIP” and “Honor Roll Mom”
South Church 3rd & 4th grade Cherub Choir (2010 & 2011)

Celebrating Baptisms video of May 3, 2020 @ SLCC

Philip Balzer

Gabe Miller

Ben Nelson

Beau Miller

Tyler Brockmueller

Treyton Waltner

Gavin Haggerty

Children’s Time

II. HEARING GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading **Benedictions from the NT Epistles**

Farewell Sermon “Godbwyte: God-be-with-ye”

Response Hymn “Bless’d be the Tie that Binds” blue HWB #421

III. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST

Announcements & Offerings

- Today's **Worship offering** is for **Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC)**
- Today's **Sunday school offering** is for **Children's Inn**

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Litany of Pastoral Release & Blessing

Benediction Song "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" blue HWB #430

V. POST-SERVICE FAREWELL

Open Sharing Time

Parting Words with Nick

Worship Leader: Everett Waltner; **Preacher:** Pastor Nick; **Organ & Song Selections:** Debra Schmeichel, Kathy Kleinsasser, Nick Stoddard; **Children's Focus:** Libby Miller & MeKayla Preheim; **Audio-Visual Technicians:** Rachel & Matt Waltner

WORSHIP OFFERING

Worship Offering Next Sunday (5/17)

Freeman Academy

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

Offering Next Sunday (5/17)

Camper Scholarships

NEXT SUNDAY

Speaker: Pastor Bob

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 17 immediately following our worship service. This will be a Zoom meeting using the same link we use for worship. The meeting will be a vote of affirmation for Central Plains Mennonite Church delegates to the annual meeting in June. Nominations from Church Council include Brad Anderson, Nancy Halvorson, Anne Waltner, Chantel Hofer, Libby Miller, Jeff Preheim, and Paul Balzer.

COMING EVENTS

May 23 – Private Graveside Committal Service for Rheiny Preheim

May 27 – Church Council Meeting

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

As we continue to worship remotely & eventually consider plans for gradually coming together in our church building again, there's an increased value in utilizing online forms of communication. Plan to visit SouthChurchSD.org. A variety of resources, including Sunday school & devotional materials, can be found on our church website. If you or your family members use Facebook, you'll also find church-related information at the Salem Mennonite - South Church page. Please know that our Facebook posts can be viewed online even if you do not have a Facebook account.

If you prefer hard copies of Sunday school & devotional materials, they are available on the narthex table.

We will be making a new schedule for worship leaders at this time. Obviously, serving as worship leader currently looks a little different than it used to! Would YOU be willing to help out in this way? Being a worship leader for a Zoom service is going to be especially important once Pastor Nick has left. All that is needed is for you to have a computer with a camera and microphone, so that we can all see and hear you - combing your hair and changing out of your jammies is optional! If you would be willing to help facilitate our worship time in this way, PLEASE email Kris Carlson at krisbrad@goldenwest.net as soon as possible. This is an immediate and pressing need!

After several weeks of careful deliberation and communication with the local host committee in the Twin Cities, we have made the difficult decision to cancel our in-person Annual Meeting for Central Plains Mennonite Conference this year. Given the continuing uncertainty around COVID-19, we simply do not believe it is wise for us to plan an in-person gathering. Alternative arrangements are in the works. Watch for more details as we plan for the virtual annual meeting and conference-wide worship for June 20-21.

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

We have had a number of people calling and asking, "Are you still having camp?" The answer is a resounding "yes". We have made some changes to our schedule however. An email will be going out to those who have attended camp in the past. The complete letter from SLCC is in the newsletter.

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
Nick Stoddard, Pastor (nick.southchurch@goldenwest.net) 925-7106/940-7212
Bob Engbrecht, Pastor 648-3017/659-4331

CONCERNING THE DETWEILER-STODDARD FAMILY

Post-Service Farewell – If you would like to offer a parting word to Nick or family, the Deacons will facilitate an informal open sharing time immediately following the end of the worship service. Simply stay on the zoom link. If you don't like to talk in public, you could alternately send a parting note by email (stoddard.nicholas@gmail.com) or by card to their new home address (633 W. Monroe St., Washington, IA 52353).

“God be With You Erika, Nick, Eli, Jace & Luke!” The family plans to leave early Monday morning 5/11/20 as Erika begins work in Iowa next week. Pray for safe travels. Pray for patience and endurance for unpacking in their new home. Pray that they receive welcome and hospitality in this hard time.

Contact Information for Nick Stoddard & Erika Detweiler:

Nick - (605) 940-7212 / stoddard.nicholas@gmail.com

Erika - (605) 940-7214 / erikadetweiler@gmail.com

Joint family email: detweilerstoddards@gmail.com

Home Address:

**633 W. Monroe St.
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Can We Call or Visit? Even though the completion of a pastoral tenure involves maintaining boundaries so as not to continue to rely on Nick “as your pastor,” it is right and well to continue to maintain contact with them as friends and siblings in Christ and colleagues in Central Plains Mennonite Conference. You are very welcome to continue to text, call, email or send letters (as long as it *isn't* seeking South Church-related help). When you pass through Iowa, please swing by our home in Washington for a meal or a night, or just a hello! We'll be mad if you come through and don't ;)

After Sunday, May 10 please continue to direct your congregational and pastoral ideas, questions, cares, concerns and joys on to the appropriate parties: **Pastor Bob Engbrecht** and/or **Deacons** (Jenelle Miller, Dennis Ries, Everett Waltner, Peggy Waltner, James Unruh), or **relevant Department chairs:** Council (Paul B. & Vernie W., mod/asst.), Trustees (Craig M.), Worship (Kathy K. & Kris C.), Christian Formation (Gregg W. & Libby M.), PCRC (LaVonne B.), Office (Amy W.)

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Philippians 4

Philippians 4:1-9

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation, by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, **whatever is true,
whatever is noble,
whatever is right,
whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely,
whatever is admirable**

—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about *such* things.

⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me —**put it into practice**. And the God of peace will be with you.

[...]

¹⁹ **And my God will meet all your needs
according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.**

²⁰ **To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

²¹ Greet all God's people in Christ Jesus.

The brothers and sisters who are with me send greetings.

²² All God's people here send you greetings, especially those
who belong to Caesar's household.

²³ **The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.**