



# Salem Mennonite Church

A Congregation of  
Mennonite Church USA

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**May 17, 2020**

*South Church Worship (online)*

When faith collides with fear, frustration & doubt

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## **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#

**Organ Prelude**

“Come Down, O love Divine” (MH 210) – arr. Leavitt  
“Kindly Spring Again is Here” (MH 514) – arr. Leavitt

**Choral Call to Worship**

“O be Joyful” - Clausen

**Welcome, Call to Worship & Prayer**

**Opening Hymn**

“I Need Thee Every Hour” blue HWB #555 (vs. 1-3)

**Greeting One Another**

## **II. HEARING GOD’S WORD**

**New Testament Reading**

**John 11:1-6 & 17-44**

**Children’s Time**

**Old Testament Reading**

**Ezekiel 37:1-28**

**Sermon**

“What If? And If Only”

## **III. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST**

**Musical Response** “How Firm a Foundation” blue HWB #567 (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

**Announcements & Offerings**

- ❖ **Worship Offering – Freeman Academy**
- ❖ **Sunday School Offering – Camper Scholarships**

## **Congregational Sharing & Prayer**

- We pray for peace for **Barry Preheim** in the loss of his brother **Marty**. A private service and burial were held on Thursday, May 14.
- Please bring comfort to **Jerome Waltner's** family. His wife **Sheila** and children **Stewart, Harry, Eugene, Ila and Lanna**. A private graveside service was held on Friday, May 15.

## **IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**Sending Song**

“A New Creation” - Clausen

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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**Worship Leader:** Katelyn Graber; **Speaker:** Pastor Bob; **Organ & Musical Selections:** Debra Schmeichel, Kathy Kleinsasser, Libby Miller; **Children's Focus:** Bailey Carlson; **Audio-Visual Technicians:** Rachel & Matt Waltner

### **WORSHIP OFFERING**

Worship Offering Next Sunday (5/24)

Student Tuition Sharing Fund

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING**

Offering Next Sunday (5/24)

Central Plains Mennonite Conference

### **THE CHURCH AT WORK**

#### **TODAY**

**The musical selections** “O be Joyful” and “A New Creation” are from the 2003 Swiss Choral Society performance directed by Ken Mannes.

**There will be a Congregational Meeting** 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.

#### **THIS WEEK**

**Sat. (23<sup>rd</sup>), 2:00 p.m.** – Private Committal Service for Rheiny Preheim

#### **NEXT SUNDAY, May 24**

**Speaker:** Corey Miller; **Worship Leader:** Cheryle Gering; **Piano & Musical Selections:** Kaye Waltner & Libby Miller

## **COMING EVENTS**

**May 27** – Church Council Meeting

**June 20 & 21** – Central Plains Conference Annual Meeting (virtual)

## **SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES**

**Update from Ministerial Search Committee:** The Ministerial Search team has met either weekly or every two weeks, and is encouraged in our search for pastoral leadership. We have been in conversation with the conference pastor, and she has been helpful in offering suggestions and giving support as we look for an interim pastor, and ultimately a full-time, long-term pastor. We ask that you continue to think of names of people whom you would suggest for this role. Any name that you provide to a member of the Search team will be kept strictly confidential. Please continue to pray for guidance for our team. Our next meeting will be May 21; our focus is on securing an interim pastor.

**Please 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.)

**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](http://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.

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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  
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Bob Engbrecht, Pastor 648-3017/659-4331

## May 2020 Prayers

- Nick and Erika's transition to Washington, Iowa. Erika will begin a job in Iowa City on May 18. Pastor Nick begins his new pastorate June 1.
- Pastor Bob and Marla Engbrecht as Pastor Bob provides pastoral care and works with church leaders.
- Don Waltner's health as he continues dealing with brain issues and infection; we pray also for Don's family, both his own and extended family systems on both sides of the house; we think about Gregg assuming some of Don's tasks on the farm while Don is in the hospital; we ask for wisdom on the part of the family and health care providers.
- for the pastoral search team as they continue looking for a new pastor
- for our present church leaders carrying on
- in thanksgiving for the boys who were baptized at Swan Lake and that their faith may continue to grow and deepen
- We had several items from the Covid-19 virus environment:
  - farm and food industry workers
  - Dr. Kirton's participation in giving the community information
  - Dr. Kirton and Dennis Ries meeting with local ministers about when to open for worship
  - city council thinking about local businesses re-opening
  - the ongoing need for fact-based decision-making
- from the FNJP, thoughts about the immigrant population in Flandreau and elsewhere in the state; the Smithfield plant in Sioux Falls closing affecting this population the most
- from the folks with Alternatives to Violence project, thinking about the inmate population as well as other institutionalized people getting exposed to the virus; the staffs at both prisons and nursing homes.
- from Dale Strasser who has 9 more chemotherapy treatments; thanksgiving for doctors and nurses who are treating him.
- thanksgiving for Colby Stucky and Shane Strasser returning to health
- from Barb Tieszen, continued patience and stamina for her as she negotiates the almost daily changing environment at Avera Hospital in Yankton; for a time her hours were cut, but she is now back to normal.
- from Dennis and Shirley Ries, concerning their friend Marilyn Duerksen who had a severe illness involving the brain; she is now in rehab. Marilyn is one of their Africa friends.
  - from people praying on Tuesday: Barb T., Duane Ries, Carol and Chris Eisenbeis, Dale Strasser, Janver Stucky, Lois JP