



# Salem Mennonite Church

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## May 9, 2021 Mother's Day

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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#

Prelude

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Special Music

"Is This the Love" - Robin Kaufman Anderson  
Allison Kaufman Wilson, accompanist

### II. HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

**Luke 1:26-38**

Sermon:

"Mary, an Amazing Woman"

Special Music

"One More Hug and Kiss"  
video and vocals by Robin, Sydney and Ella Anderson

### III. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST

Announcements & Offerings

- Today's **Worship offering** is for General Fund
- Today's **Sunday school offering** is for Children's Inn
- **Children's Offering** is for Oyate Concern Christian School

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

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

**Sending Hymn**

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” – MH #251

**Spoken Benediction**

Proverbs 31:28-31

**Postlude**

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**Worship Leader:** Norm Kaufman; **Speaker:** Pastor David; **Musicians:** Debra Schmeichel (organ), Today's music selections for Mother's Day were written by Robin Kaufman Anderson. Robin and husband Wade live in Dallas, Texas and have two daughters, Sydney and Ella. She is the director of worship arts at First United Methodist Church Plano. Allison Kaufman Wilson is a music teacher at Davis Intermediate School. Allison and husband Danny live in Allen, Texas. The Kaufman sisters are Freeman natives and former members of South Church.

## **THE CHURCH AT WORK**

### **TODAY**

**We welcome all** who are worshipping with us this morning!

**4:00 p.m.** - The Bel Canto Singers from Hesston College will offer an outdoor concert in the North Church parking lot. If you plan to attend, you are invited to bring lawn chairs/blankets or to stay in your car. You will have the ability to listen to the concert on an FM station on your radio.

**4:30 pm** – The Mission and Service Team invites you to participate in a monthly conversation and prayer time with our Ecuador Mission Partners, the Ross Richers. You can join by entering the Waterford Mennonite Church website, [waterfordchurch.org](http://waterfordchurch.org). Then click on Worship, then Online Prayers, then scroll to Ecuador Prayers and click on video or dial in. Or in your Zoom app put in the Meeting ID: 853 3848 4428 and Passcode: 274788.

### **THIS WEEK**

**If you haven't done so**, please return your “Return to Church” survey to the church. There are some hard copies available on the narthex table.

### **NEXT SUNDAY, May 16**

**Speaker:** Pastor David; **Worship Leader:** Brad Carlson; **Musicians:** Debra Schmeichel (organ)

**Worship Offering:** Central Plains Mennonite Conference

**Sunday School Offering:** Camper Scholarships

**Children's Offering:** Oyate Concern School

## **COMING EVENTS**

May 22 – Freeman Academy & Irene/Wakonda Graduations

May 23 – Fellowship Hall Reserved

May 26 – Church Council Meeting (Zoom)

## **SOUTH CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES**

**We are less than one month away** from our combined North and South Church Daily Vacation Bible School 2021! We're grateful to be able to HAVE Bible School after the year we've all come through. At the time this announcement was submitted, we had just a few positions left to fill. Would you consider helping? We are still seeking a teacher for a 2nd/3rd grade classroom (likely just four or five students), a helper for our crafts area, a helper for the preschool room, and some rec time leaders/supervisors. Bible School will run from 9 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. on May 31 through June 4, so this is a relatively short time commitment that will leave most of your day free for other things. Please contact Lacey Friesen or Lynelle Yoder Hofer at North Church, or Kris Carlson or Libby Miller at South Church - SOON - to express your willingness to be part of the fun!

**On Tuesday, May 4, 2021**, Julie Svartoien Karlsen passed away from glioblastoma brain cancer. She fought her cancer for almost 29 months. Julie is the sister of Cindi Mutchelknaus and sister in law of Greg Mutchelknaus. A family interment will be held at a later date.

**Central Plains Annual Meeting isn't** just for delegates and pastors (although if you are a delegate, youth delegate or pastor and haven't registered – register now!) – All are invited to learn, fellowship, worship and discern together! This year, we'll be meeting via Zoom on June 18 and 19 with a Conference-wide worship service on June 20. Visit our website to learn more and to register! [www.centralplainsmc.org/annual-meeting-2021](http://www.centralplainsmc.org/annual-meeting-2021)

**On the back of the bulletin is a** short update from Polly Carlson, serving with Mennonite Voluntary Service in San Francisco, CA. If you'd like to receive Polly's monthly newsletter, just email her at [pollycarlson18@gmail.com](mailto:pollycarlson18@gmail.com) and ask to be added to her list!

## **COMMUNITY AND BEYOND**

**Pray for the work of the Pastoral Leadership Committee** of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. We pray for wisdom and courage as they develop and walk alongside both new and experienced pastoral leaders.

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Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am (in person & Zoom) No Sunday School at this time

Office Hours – Wednesday - Friday 9:30-12:30; bulletin deadline – 9:30 a.m. Friday

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A couple months ago I shared that I was asked to serve on our church's Easter Vigil planning committee. The Easter Vigil is a service held the Saturday night before Easter. It consists of hymns and readings of stories written by congregation members, as well as scripture. We did this on Zoom, of course, and everyone had their lights off and had a candle lit nearby. The service ends with reading the story of the empty tomb and then slowly turning lights on and fellowshiping with snacks and sweets to celebrate the coming of Easter morning. It's similar to the Tenebrae service I grew up

with. I loved it. I could go into a lot more detail about the service and my role as a committee member, so if you're curious feel free to email me. It felt good to get involved and feel like a real participating member of the congregation, since that was one of the things I was most looking forward to this year.

So much has changed at work. Now that we are all fully vaccinated (yay!) grades K-2 returned to in-person learning, with grades 3-5 joining next Monday. The kids are split into Cohorts A and B. Cohort A comes Monday/Tuesday and Cohort B comes Thursday/Friday. Wednesdays are fully virtual. Our MG team is there every day, except Wednesday of course. Monday was the first day I saw my coworkers in person, and it's amazing how much more I've gotten to know them in just these few days, because we are finally able to interact throughout the day and eat lunch together. I can't get over how lucky I got with my coworkers, because they are all so great. We help check students in each morning, support in their classrooms, oversee recess, and help with drop-off at the end of the day. The school day is from 8:15-1:30, which is a SUPER nice and easy transition for the kids (and for us teachers). I will definitely enjoy the short days while I can, because next year will likely be back to normal.

When I first got here, I thought it would just be for a year and I would just return to my life as I knew it when I moved back. But now I'm staying another year, and I'm already seeing that some things from my past won't be waiting for me anymore when I leave SF. Just as my life is moving forward here, life is also moving forward for everyone else, and things change, and people change, and that's just how it goes. (Did I mention I'm sentimental?) My spiritual director, Jennifer, told me that when we think about our lives, we think of them as being very linear, when in reality life is much more circular and you never know what will come back around to you. That resonated with me a lot. Another way of saying all of that is: **trust God's timing.**