



Salem Mennonite Church

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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

“Sonatine” ----- Maurice Ravel
I. Modéré
II. Mouvement de Menuet

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

“Love Divine, all loves Excelling” – HWB #592

Opening Prayer

Welcome & Greeting One Another

II. HEARING GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading

John 3:16-17, Matthew 5:43-46
Romans 5:8

Sermon

“The fullness of God’s Love”

Anthem

“Gott ist die Liebe”

III. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST

Announcements & Offerings

- Today’s **Worship offering** is for Freeman Area Meat Canning
- Today’s **Sunday school offering** is for Freeman Academy
- **Children’s Offering** is for Bethany Food Pantry

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

*** Sending Hymn**

“The Love of God” – STJ #44

Spoken Benediction

Postlude

“First Arabesque” – Claude Debussy

* Stand if you are able

Greeters: Chantel Hofer & Peg Waltner; **Worship Leader:** Brennan Waltner; **Speaker:** Tim Schrag; **Musicians:** Anne Waltner (piano); **Special Music:** Mixed Ensemble; **Coffee:** Southeast #19

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.

We welcome Tim Schrag to the pulpit this morning. Tim grew up on a farm in the Moundridge Kansas area. He is married to Sue and they have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. Tim graduated from Bethel College in North Newton Kansas in 1976 and then volunteered to do MCC work in Northeast Brazil from 1976-1979. He worked at the MCC Central States office from 1980-1982 and attended AMBS from 1982-1985 where he received a Master of Divinity degree. Tim pastored First Mennonite Church in Beatrice Nebraska from 1985-1996 and the Mennonite Church in Normal Illinois from 1996-2019. In February of this year Tim was chosen to become the MDS Region 3 Board Chair.

2:00 pm. – You are invited to attend the annual meeting of the South Dakota Mennonite Disaster Service to be held at the Hutterthal Mennonite Church. An introduction will be made to the newly elected Region 3 chairman, Tim Schrag. Region 3 Operations Coordinator, Jeff Koller, will share about Pinhook, Pine Ridge and disasters in Region 3. The business meeting will present information and pictures of the Pine Ridge Volunteer/EMS center which Region 3 MDS has been requested to assist building. Social distancing and masks are requested.

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. 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.

NEXT SUNDAY, October 17

Speaker: Barb Tieszen; **Worship Leader:** Sharon Waltner; **Musicians:** Sonja Waltner (piano); **Greeters:** Chantel Hofer & Peg Waltner; **Coffee:** Southeast #19

Worship Offering: Central Plains Mennonite Conference

Sunday school Offering: Swan Lake Christian Camp

Children's Offering: Bethany Food Pantry

COMING EVENTS

October 23 – Memorial Service for Gene Kaufman (see **NEWS & NOTES**)

October 24 – Mission Sunday with John Sharp. Freeman Academy musicians will also be sharing during the worship service.

October 26 – Church Council Meeting

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES

Ruth Preheim has moved to the Salem Home. Prayer for a smooth transition.

A celebration of life will be held for Gene Kaufman, who passed away on December 12, 2020, on Saturday, October 23, at 2 p.m. at the Salem Mennonite Church. The family invites you to an informal time of listening to music and sharing memories about Gene's life. The service will include a time for sharing, during which we would love to hear your memories and stories about Dad

Gene's family respectfully requests that those who are not vaccinated for COVID either wear a mask inside the church or attend via Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/278905019>). Memorial gifts will be designated for Mennonite Central Committee and the Freeman Academy Music Department.

On October 24th, John Sharp will share with us at our annual "*Harvest of Peace*" worship service. Normally, this has been called "Harvest Mission Festival" but this year we are celebrating Christ's Peace as a kind of harvest in God's Kingdom. John will share his very personal and compelling story of his son, MJ Sharp, who was murdered on March 12, 2017 while promoting peacebuilding, and advocating for the people of the Democratic of the Congo.

John recently retired as history and Bible professor at Hesston College and spends his time researching and writing, leading tours to Europe and Central Asia, and speaking for and about MJ since his death. John was director of the MCUSA Historical Committee and Archives, 1995-2005; and served as pastor in Pennsylvania and Kansas, 1977-1980 and 1983-1995. John earned a B.A. in communication from Goshen College and an M.Div. from AMBS, Elkhart IN. He also did graduate work in history at Wichita State University.

John will speak at the South Church at 9:30am and then will speak at the North Church at 10:30am. We pray for seeds of peace to be planted, watered and nurtured in this important time of worship.

COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

Freeman Academy students and staff will be loving their neighbors who need help with fall clean up by raking leaves on October 22, 2021. Please call Freeman Academy main office at 925-4237 x221 and provide your name and address. About 20 Freeman residents receive assistance each year.

A word of appreciation for gifts directed to the Dayspring Congo School project has been received from Ron Goertzen of Henderson, NE. Pledges from the recent MCC bike trip were directed to this project. The goal was \$40,000.00 for a six-room school. Due to the generous donations the three-year project could be realized much sooner. Dennis Ries was one of the bikers. Thank you Dennis for bringing this worthy project to our attention. A thank you note is posted.

It is a privilege to have the Freeman Regional Health Services in our community. In the past we have had a fund drive during the month of May and Soup Day at the Senior Citizen's Center in Freeman. Because of Covid we have not had the fund drive, and it has been decided not to have Soup Day for the second year in a row. We are having our annual fund drive during the month of October this year asking for cash donations instead of asking for food, working at Soup Day, or food for the bake sale. The donations will help purchase needed equipment for the hospital, nursing home, and clinic. Your participation in this fund drive will be greatly appreciated. There will be boxes at the banks and the grocery stores in Freeman where you may drop your donations or give them to the designated person in your church, who is Peggy Watner by Oct. 31. THANK YOU!

Salem Home is hosting an A-MAZE-ING fundraiser on Thursday, October 14 at the Huber Holiday Acres just southwest of Freeman. See the flier on the bulletin board for details.

Rural Revival Education: Rural Revival will be hosting a home wind and solar tour at the Jurkovich farm Saturday, October 16 at 2:00 pm. Come and see an active wind and solar system providing electricity to a farm home. Learn the basics of installing solar or wind at your home. Location 44018 269th St., 1/2 mile west of Dolton. Bring a lawn chair.

FIFTH ROOTED AND GROUNDED CONFERENCE: There's a flier on the bulletin board that describes the Rooted and Grounded Conference to be held October 14-16, 2021, at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, on "Land: Loss, Connection, and Imagination." Since this is both an in-person and a virtual event, participation is more possible for those who live at a distance.

These Rooted and Grounded Conferences began at AMBS in 2014, when I was one of three featured speakers. That year and in each of the conferences since, 2015 2017, and 2018, I attended and presented brief papers. This year I am also presenting a virtual paper on "The Role of Agrarian Cultures in Land Revitalization."

I would encourage pastors and church leaders to attend this event, virtually if not in person. You can register at the website listed on the flier. Virtual registration is \$75, and there are options for registering for parts of the conference as well. The conference could be a great help to rural churches in thinking about and discovering their unique mission as agrarian cultures in their rural settings.

S. Roy Kaufman

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am (in person & Zoom) Sunday school following
Office Hours – Wednesday - Friday 9:30-12:30; bulletin deadline – 9:30 a.m. Friday
Amy Waltner, Administrative Assistant (southchurch@goldenwest.net) 925-4553
Bob Engbrecht, Pastor 648-3017/659-4331

A devotional from Mom's Stash (read I Kings 8:54-61)

When my children were infants and I rocked them to sleep, I sang to them and prayed for them. I remember holding my 14-month-old son and praying for his future relationships with his roommates, his friends, his wife. For years, I came back to the same prayer. I know I must have wearied the Lord with my prayers; but Matthew 7:7 tells us to keep on asking, seeking, and knocking.

When my son went off to college, I couldn't wait to hear about his roommate. "Well, Mom, he is a recovering drug addict. He was sent here for a year of rehabilitation and is studying art, taking part in sports, and trying to reenter normal life."

I felt as if God had let me down, and my disappointment came through. "I don't understand. I have prayed for 18 years for you to have a good roommate who would have a good influence in your life."

My son, wiser than I, answered, "Maybe his mother was praying the same prayer." My son knew that he had been nurtured all his life and now had a chance to nurture a young man with serious problems.

God answers our prayers from wisdom greater than ours. I thought that my son needed a strong Christian friend; God knew that my son needed to **be** a strong Christian friend.

Thought for the day

Pray fervently, knowing that God hears and answers.