



Salem Mennonite Church

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I. GATHERED FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Choral Call to Worship

Welcome & Call to Worship

Gathering Hymn "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" blue HWB #8

Affirmation of Shared Faith blue HWB #713

Songs for Worship

II. RECEIVING GOD'S WORD

Hearing Scripture

Luke 10:38-42

Jesus, Mary & Martha

³⁸ As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹ "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "You are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Guest Sermon

Kate Friesen

III. RESPONDING TO CHRIST'S PRESENCE

Hymn of Response

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" blue HWB #493

Congregational Sharing & Prayers

- ❖ We ask God for healing and hope for **Linda Graber** whose doctors found further evidence of cancer in her biopsies; may the Spirit fill Linda and the family with comfort and encouragement as she prepares for chemotherapy.

- ❖ We give God thanks for **good moves for both Belle Graber** and **Elvira Peters** who are settling in at Salem Home; may God lift their spirits through the care of the staff and fellow residents there.
- ❖ We celebrate Christ's peace made visible in the public work of fellow CPMC church member, **Donna Minter (of Faith Mennonite Church, Minneapolis)** whose MN Peacebuilding Leadership Institute just received the US Peacebuilding Award for Excellence; may her work and recognition further God's healing and hope in the Twin Cities.
- ❖ We intercede with the Holy Spirit **for our partner churches in Quito, Ecuador as they continue to strive for peace & justice during the unrest of a national strike;** may God protect our Quito Mennonite sisters and brothers and their neighbors.

Offering

Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC)

IV. SENT TO GLORIFY GOD'S NAME

Sending Song

"O God, Our Constant Care" blue HWB #481

Spoken Blessing

Postlude

Greeters: Chantel Hofer & Peg Waltner; **Musicians:** Debra Schmeichel (organ), East Freeman Quartet; **Worship Leader:** Ted Boese; **Speaker:** Kate Friesen; **Nursery:** Libby Miller; **Coffee:** South East #19

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

Adult S.S. Offering Today

Freeman Academy

Offering Next Sunday

Swan Lake Christian Camp

Children's S.S. Offering

Yankton Banquet

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

We welcome all who have come to worship with us this morning! Please take time to greet others, invite them to Sunday school, and grab some coffee.

THIS WEEK

Wed. (16th), 6:30 p.m. – Youth Mystery Supper

Thurs. (17th) – Fellowship Hall Reserved

NEXT SUNDAY, October 20

Speaker: Pastor Nick; **Worship Leader:** Norm Kaufman; **Musicians:** Heather Haggerty (organ), Freeman Academy; **Greeters:** Chantel Hofer & Peg Waltner; **Offering:** Freeman Area Meat Canning; **Nursery:** Vernetta Waltner; **Coffee:** South East #19

COMING EVENTS

October 20 – Oakview Chapel

October 27 – Mission Emphasis with Jane & Jerrell Ross Richer, MMN Ecuador

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

A heartfelt thank you to each of you for so many acts of kindness, cards, food, phone calls and words of encouragement during recovery from my recent knee surgery. I hope to be back in action shortly. Your patience is appreciated. Also thanks to Marla for looking after me during this time. God bless each of you, Pastor Bob

South Church Singers needed for Oakview Chapel, Oct. 20 – Interested in being part of an ensemble/choir to share with Oakview chapel residents? Let pastor Nick know of your availability for Sunday, October 20 at 2:30pm. Or simply show up at the fellowship hall piano to practice from 11:45 to Noon on Sunday, 10/20. Come sing with us! (P.S. Prefer to play an instrument? You can also notify Pastor Nick of that. A 2nd chapel opportunity is also coming Dec. 8)

Mission Emphasis 10/27 Sunday School & Potluck Luncheon – Those interested in hearing more about the Ecuador Partnership (where our speaker Jerrell Ross-Richer serves with Mennonite Mission Network) join a special all-church Sunday school session in the Fellowship Hall on October 27. This will be followed by a potluck at noon during which Jerrell will share more about their specific work with the rainforest communities. We are inviting North Church as well to this lunch, so bring extra to share as you are able.

We've Been Invited to Visit our Family in MT! White Chapel Mennonite Church in Glendive, MT has invited Salem to send a small delegation to come be hosted and worship together on the weekend of November 9 & 10. White Chapel is relatively new to Central Plains and would like to get to know some of their conference siblings. If you'd like to go on this visit contact Pastor Nick.

For five years, many congregations in our conference and across the United States and Canada have been using *Shine: Living in God's light*, the dynamic Sunday School curriculum from MennoMedia. In a series of webinars this fall, you are invited to be reminded, or perhaps discover, the "whys" and "hows" of this valuable Mennonite resource. See www.centralplainsmc.org/shine-webinar for more information.

Wanting your politics to stay in line with Jesus? Concerned with our divisions?
Join a Mennonite Church USA webinar series with other South Churchers in the Conference room at 7pm, Tues., Oct. 15th entitled, "Jesus on the Ballot: Seeing Beyond the Partisan Divide." (This is the second of three webinars. The final one will be Tues, Nov 19. The first one from September, "Theological Foundations," is recorded here: youtu.be/3I98iCOy5xE or simply search youtube for, "Putting Jesus on the Ballot - Part 1")

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

The Mennonite Disaster Service Region 3 Annual Meeting will be held on Nov. 8 & 9, 2019 at Faith Mennonite Church, Minneapolis, MN. An invitation with details and registration is available on the south table in the narthex. The information can also be found on this web site: <https://mds.mennonite.net/region-3-annual-meeting-2019/>

Elmer Wall is turning 90 on October 30! On behalf of his children we invite you to help us celebrate his life at this milestone. We are hosting an Open House on Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Silverwood Mennonite Church, Goshen, IN. We understand it is a long trip so we are asking church friends from the places Elmer has served to shower him with birthday cards and notes. Please send a card to: Elmer Wall, 415 Fairview Dr., Goshen, IN 46528

Salem Mennonite Home is celebrating 70 years of caring for the elderly in our community with our annual Fall Harvest Festival. Please come join us, Saturday October 26th from 5:30-8:00pm, for an evening of fellowship, food, entertainment, raffles and a silent auction at the Freeman Community Center. Tickets, including raffles can be purchased in our business office, at the door or online salem.mennonitehome.com. We hope you can join us!

Hearing Aids for Thailand and Laos - Jonah Yang, Central Plains Mennonite Conference church planter in St. Paul, MN is looking for three sets of used hearing aids to take to Thailand and Laos when he goes in December. The hearing aids would be used for a woman who can't hear and is unable to get a job, and two retired farmers. If you're are willing to donate your old hearing aids to this cause, please contact Jonah Yang: jonahcyang@gmail.com

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am/ Sunday School – Following Worship
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