



# Salem Mennonite Church

A Congregation of  
Mennonite Church USA

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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**

“Thus the Word Was Made Flesh” – arr. Grotenhuis

*Brass Sextet:* Donna Ries & Timothy Epp, trumpets; Seth Balzer, tuba;  
Jada Koerner, French horn; Connor Epp & Liam Ortman, trombones;

“Battle of Jericho” – arr. Johnson

Brass Trio: Connor Epp, Liam Ortman, Seth Balzer

### **Choral Call to Worship**

“Set Me as A Seal” – René Clausen  
Chamber Choir

### **Opening Prayer**

### **Welcome & Greeting One Another**

### **Special Music**

“Bound for the Promised Land” – arr. Mack Wilberg  
Amber Bradley & Sherilyn Ortman – piano

“The Storm is Passing Over” – arr. Barbara W. Baker  
Sherilyn Ortman – piano  
Concert Choir

## **II. HEARING GOD’S WORD**

### **Hearing Scripture**

Matthew 5:43-48; II Corinthians 5:17-20

### **Sermon**

“Planting Seeds of Reconciliation”

### III. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST

#### Announcements & Offerings

- Today's **Worship offering** is for MCC Congo Peace – Michael J. Sharp Memorial Fund
- Today's **Sunday school offering** is for Salem Mennonite Home
- **Children's Offering** is for Bethany Food Pantry

#### Congregational Sharing & Prayer

### IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

\*Sending Hymn "Lord, you give the great commission" STJ #69

#### Spoken Benediction

#### Postlude

\*Stand if you are able

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**Greeters:** Chantel Hofer & Peg Waltner; **Musicians:** Heather Haggerty (organ), Freeman Academy Musicians; **Worship Leader:** LaVonne Brockmueller; **Speaker:** John Sharp; **Coffee:** South East #19

### TODAY'S FA CHOIR MEMBERS

#### Seniors

Quincy Blue  
Maria Cortes  
Timothy Epp  
Sierra Eslinger  
Noah Hofer  
Laura Ilunga  
Cameron McCarthy  
Samuela Ndongosieme

#### Sophomores

Stefany Cortes  
Sasha Decker  
Aidan Gilbert  
Liam Ortman  
Jessica Paschal  
Aryan Saravanan  
Sam Waltner

#### Juniors

Angelyn Allison  
Seth Balzer  
Jess Bashige  
Connor Epp  
Matthew Hagan  
Albert Kalonji  
Maddox Kihne  
Jada Koerner  
Autumn Rouse  
Leo Wang

#### Freshmen

Madelyn Anderson  
Jada Buse  
Joshua Cortes  
Darion Fore  
Joshua Janssen  
Elshadai Mesfin  
Sieta Wiersema

## 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.

**This morning's speaker, John Sharp**, 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 his son, MJ. MJ Sharp was murdered on March 12, 2017 while promoting peacebuilding, and advocating for the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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 Anabaptist Mennonite Seminary, Elkhart IN. He also did graduate work in history at Wichita State University.

**Freeman Academy's Annual Fall Church Drive** begins today. Committee members Brent & Angie Brockmueller and Brad & Elizabeth Anderson will be available in the narthex to receive your donations. If you would rather mail your donations to the school, self-addressed envelopes are available. We are grateful to have the FA Concert and Chamber Choirs, as well as instrumentalists, share their talents with us this morning as we kick off this fund drive.

### THIS WEEK

**Mon. (25<sup>th</sup>), 7:30 p.m.** – Church Council Meeting

### NEXT SUNDAY, October 31

**Speaker:** Eric Deckert; **Worship Leader:** Cal Graber; **Musicians:** Sharon Waltner (organ); **Greeters:** Chantel Hofer & Peg Waltner; **Coffee:** South East #19

### COMING EVENTS

**November 3** – Monthly Day of Prayer & Fasting

### SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

**There will be a congregational meeting immediately** following the worship service on Sunday October 31. This meeting is called by Church Council from recommendations by the Trustees. The Trustees recommend that the church proceed with a project to redecorate the fellowship hall and church offices. Work to be done includes replacing the carpets, painting the walls and installing new window treatments. Cost for this project shall not exceed \$18,000 with up to half of the money coming from donations from the congregation and the remainder to be paid from our church's Improvement Fund. This proposal includes volunteer labor from the church for painting walls, carpet removal and window covering installation.

**The worship planning team** would like to thank Deb Beier for once again bringing so much autumn beauty into our worship space. Your gifts of time and creativity are a blessing to South Church!

**It is annual report time!** Please get your committee's annual report to **Rachel Waltner** by October 31!

**The Central Plains Mennonite Conference is promoting** Cross-Generation Peace Talks. They are asking young people in middle school, high school and college undergraduates to make videos interviewing someone of an older generation who has experienced a peace happening or knows the details of someone else's. The possibilities are great. Perhaps someone who has done voluntary service, a church (or relationship) conflict that was solved in a healthy way, acts of kindness that impressed someone, events from the classroom, etc. Everyone offering a video to the task group will receive \$100!! The deadline for entering is March 1, 2022. There is a poster on the bulletin board with more information and I am willing to discuss possible subject matter or answer questions. Janelle Ortman, [janelle.orville.ortman@gmail.com](mailto:janelle.orville.ortman@gmail.com), 935.7437, 659.1321.

### **COMMUNITY & BEYOND**

**The MDS van is again heading to Pine Ridge** - this time for the days of Nov. 1-4. Please consider joining us for a few days of painting doors and unattached trim. As always, food, lodging, equipment and transportation will be provided. If interested, contact Dennis Ries for details.

**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!

**The Rural Revival monthly meeting** will be at 8 pm on Monday, October 25 in the Freeman Public Library.

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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  
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