



Salem Mennonite Church

A Congregation of
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October 6, 2019 - World Communion Sunday

I. GATHERED FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

“Just As I Am” – arr. Ashford
“Nearer, My God, To Thee” – arr. Thompson

Gathering Hymn

“What is this Place” blue HWB #1

Welcome & Call to Worship

Children’s Focus

Song of Praise

“For the Beauty of the Earth” – Gilpin

Thanksgiving Prayer

Offering

General Fund
“Christ Receiveth Sinful Men” – arr. Hughes

Congregational Sharing & Prayers

- ❖ We give God thanks for **the diligence of Salem’s department teams** who have nearly all had meetings in the past few weeks to continue working in their areas of ministry; may the Holy Spirit bless the time given by dozens of South Church individuals; may Christ empower faithful mission and ministry through our congregation.
- ❖ We intercede with the Holy Spirit **for those whose minds & bodies are groaning in recovery and anticipating healing**; in particular we give God thanks for successful surgery for **Linda Graber**; may she indeed receive full remission from uterine cancer.
- ❖ We plead with Jesus—our Lord!— to **bring peace & reconciliation to America’s political relationships**; may Christ re-shape the minds, hearts and wills of Christians in America to find unity and God’s clarity beyond partisan identity; may my own ideologies be transformed.

II. RECEIVING GOD’S NAME

Hearing Scripture

Exodus 3:1-18 Moses & God
Genesis 16:1-16 Hagar & God

Sermon

“What is your name??”

III. SHARING CHRIST'S BODY

Affirmation of Faith

blue HWB #710

Hymn of Preparation

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea" green SJ #92

Coming to the Communion Table

(received up front/in back)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

IV. SENT TO GLORIFY GOD'S NAME

Doxology

"Praise God, From Whom" blue HWB #119

Benediction

Postlude

"God Be With You" – arr. Hughes

Greeters: Chantel Hofer & Peg Waltner; **Musicians:** Marilyn Brockmueller (organ), Ruth Strasser (piano), Lacey Friesen, Kathy Kleinsasser, Linda Schrag, Kaye Waltner (quartet), Debra Schmeichel (accompanist); **Worship Leader:** Brad Carlson; **Speaker:** Pastor Nick; **Nursery:** Wendy 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.

There will be a Sunday school opening for the preschool-4th grade classes following worship.

4:00 p.m. Prayer Gathering: "O God Our Help in Ages Past, Our Hope for Years to Come" Join a simple time of prayers, songs and fellowship at the old Bethel Church building on the Heritage Hall Museum grounds. As our farms, businesses, churches & schools face ongoing challenges, leaders of Hutterthal, Salem-Zion & Salem Mennonite invite you to a time of remembering God's faithfulness throughout our past, and petition for God's ongoing help in our present circumstances and for our future. All community members welcome.

THIS WEEK

Tues. (8th), 7:00 p.m. – Deacon Board Meeting

Fri. (11th) - Mon. (14th) – Pastor Nick will be gone

NEXT SUNDAY, October 13

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

COMING EVENTS

October 17 – Fellowship Hall Reserved

October 20 – Oakview Chapel

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

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

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 after Sunday School from 11:45 to Noon on October 13th and 20th. Our dear Oakview residents deserve to hear hymns and songs from us! Contribute your voice. (P.S. Prefer to play an instrument? You can also notify pastor Nick know of that. A second chapel opportunity will also be coming on December 8th)

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.

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")

Attention Junior Sunday School Teachers: At 7pm Tues., Oct. 29th join with other South Church teachers in the Conference Room to take part in a two-part resource webinar to help you use our current curriculum, *Shine: Living in God's Light*. Content editor Joyce Peachy Lind will share about the "whys and hows" of *Shine*. Even if you don't currently use *Shine* in your class but would be willing to know more, join us. (The second session will be a month later, Thurs. 11/21)

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

The Freeman Network for Justice and Peace will be meeting at 12 p.m. Wednesday, October 9 in the Freeman Public Library meeting room. All are welcome.

The Freeman Academy Music Department will present their Fall Concert Thursday, October 10, at 7:30 p.m. in Pioneer Hall. A variety of music will be performed by the Vocal Department (grades 4-12) and the Instrumental Department including the Concert Band (grades 7-12) and the High School Jazz Band.

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 saalemennonitehome.com. We hope you can join us!

Heritage Hall Archives has the book, "Kauffman: Three Merchants of Integrity" for sale. Recently written by Jim A Kauffman, the book tells the story of the Kauffman family, specifically three generations: Jacob P., Charles, and Lloyd. Jim is the son of Lloyd and now lives in Wyoming. HHM&A is now moving to its winter hours, so it will be open from 12-4 Monday-Friday until next spring.

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

CPMC Executive Conference Minister Search Update – “Dear Central Plains Congregations: The Executive Conference Minister Search Committee is ramping up our planning to staff the Executive Conference Minister position and we welcome your prayers and discernment in recommending and shoulder-tapping qualified candidates. To this end we offer you the attached document with gifts and qualifications of the candidates. [See *bulletin board*]

– Yours in Christ, Shawn Nolt, CPMC Moderator; Marcia Yoder-Schrock, Interim Executive Conference Minister

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