



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

“Cantilena”— J. Rheinberger

Choral Call to Worship

“In Thy Secret Place” – Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Opening Prayer

II. HEARING GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading

I Kings 8:22-30

Sermon

“God the Promise Keeper”

Anthem

“The Lord is my Shepherd” – Henry Smart

III. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST

Announcements & Offerings

- Today’s **Worship offering** is for General Fund
- Today’s **Sunday school offering** is for Oyate Concern Christian School
- **Children’s Offering** is for Bethany Food Pantry

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

❤️* **Sending Hymn**

“Come Thou Fount” – HWB #521

Spoken Benediction

Postlude

“Jesu, meine Freude”— J.S. Bach

* Stand if you are able

Greeters: Maynard & Barb Yoder; **Worship Leader:** Brian & Wendy Miller; **Speaker:** Kate Friesen; **Musicians:** Sharon Waltner (organ); **Special Music:** Ken Mannes and Lyle Preheim, Linda Schrage (accompanist); **Coffee:** Northeast #18

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.

2:00 p.m. - A piano concert by Lois Schrag Wells will be given today at the Salem-Zion Church. Beth Kaufman (flute), Kerwin Graber (narrator), and Dan Graber (organ) will also perform during this program of contemporary arrangements of hymns such as "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art." The concert will conclude with the piano and organ duet "A Symphony of Spirituals" by Joel Raney.

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.

THIS WEEK

Thurs. (16th), 7:00 p.m. - We will be working in the community gardens (starting at the Bethany garden.) Help is appreciated!

Sat. & Sun. (18th & 19th) – Women's Retreat at SLCC

NEXT SUNDAY, September 19

Speaker: Pastor Bob; **Worship Leader:** Rolf Olson and/or Anne Waltner; **Musicians:** Sharon Waltner (organ); **Greeters:** Cindy & David Graber; **Coffee:** Northeast #18

Worship Offering: Freeman Academy

Sunday school Offering: Gideons

Children's Offering: Bethany Food Pantry

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES

We humbly thank each one of you who called, offered prayers, sent cards and food to our home. Your special efforts warmed our hearts with peace knowing you cared during this season of Arlen's illness. We are blessed by you, our congregation at Salem Mennonite. May God bless you one and all. The Family of Arlen Miller

I am so grateful for the cards, calls, and condolences I received after the death of my son Bruce. Thank you, and God's blessing. The cards and calls brought back memories of days gone by. Sincerely, Marguerite Preheim

Church Council wants to assure everyone that we are watching the COVID numbers closely. The current Delta strain is a concern for children who don't have access to any vaccine yet as well as people who are immunocompromised and vulnerable to infection.

We also want to remind you of the guidelines that have remained in place since this summer.

- ◆ Everyone is strongly encouraged to get vaccinated as an expression of care for others unless advised otherwise by your health care provider.
- ◆ If you're not vaccinated you are strongly encouraged to wear face masks while in our Church buildings. This is especially true for anyone teaching children's Sunday school.
- ◆ Both of these guidelines are on the honor system and are not being monitored.
- ◆ For now we are going to return to singing only the final hymn together. Smaller special music groups will remain. Hopefully we will be able to continue with plans for choirs to start again as that season approaches.

Please continue to pray for healing in our communities as COVID-19 continues to impact the health and well-being of all. Paul Balzer, Moderator

On Sunday Sept. 5th, Everett Waltner and Matt Waltner gave the below joint statement to the congregation from the Chairs of the Deacon Board and Pastoral Search Committee respectively:

On Saturday, Sept. 18th members of the Pastoral Search Team and the Board of Deacons as well as some members of the church council will be meeting with the Conflict Resolution Team of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. The goal of this meeting is to clarify misunderstandings and differences of opinion in the pastoral search process as well as to chart a clearer path forward with greater transparency and better communication. We hope to work toward strengthening our common goal of serving Christ and his Church. We also want to address the frustrations and hurt feelings that have surfaced in recent weeks. We ask for your prayerful support in this endeavor as well as continued prayer for our church as a whole.

From the Mission and Service team – As MCC responds to needs around the world in Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Congo and other crisis areas, they need our help in replenishing their supplies of [relief kits and hygiene kits](#). If you would like to help, please bring donations of supplies for relief or hygiene kits to the church. A container and lists of supplies for the kits are located on the table in the narthex. Monetary donations can be given to Chris Eisenbeis earmarked for "MCC kits". We encourage you to shop locally. Thank you!

Sunday school children: Bring your banks for Oyate Concern During the past year and when children's Sunday school was not in session due to Covid, the Sunday school department offering was designated for Oyate Concern Christian School at Pine Ridge. At that time, individual banks for each child were delivered to each family. Banks were given to save money for the Oyate Concern School. A new offering project for the fall quarter has begun for Bethany Food Pantry. Kids can bring their banks back to Sunday school any time through the month of September. The money collected will be relayed to our Sunday school treasurer and then sent to the school. Thank you children for saving your coins for this project!

Sunday school teachers needed: The Sunday school department is looking for more teachers to lead children's classes! Teachers for the fall quarter are needed for all ages. The sign-up sheet is on the narthex table. Please consider giving your time to this important mission of the church!

COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

Dear South Dakota Churches: Thank you SO MUCH for the wonderful donations of beautiful comforters, school kits, hygiene kits, infant care kits, and relief kits that reached our warehouse this week! We were really excited to see some items for our newest kit, the dignity kit, as well! MCC has many requests for these items from our partners all over the world. From disasters in Haiti, to schools in Burkina Faso...we could not fulfill these requests without the generosity and good, quality work of our supporters. We have received recent requests for sewing kits and hygiene kits, so keep that in mind as you plan future projects, but we will always accept supplies for any of the kits! If you have any questions about what is needed or accepted, you can check the MCC website at mcc.org/kits, or contact me at katemast@mcc.org. Thank you so much! Kate Mast

Donations to the Et Cetera Shoppe have been slow for the past few weeks. We rely on your donations to stock our shelves and to fill our beautiful updated store. As we transition from summer into fall, consider the following: have you cleaned out your kitchen cabinets lately? Have you been storing fall-themed home décor items that you won't be using? Do you have like-new books in your collection that you're done with? Good-condition toys that your kids have outgrown? Do you have a piece of furniture that you're tired of storing? Is it time for a purge of your sewing and crafting supplies? Is there clothing in your closet that you didn't wear once in the past year? Consider bringing us these items as you do your fall housecleaning – your donations are tax-deductible and help us to remain an exciting store that supports an important mission!

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
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