



# Salem Mennonite Church

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**February 1, 2026**

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## I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE

### Prelude

*Love to Tell the Story* – arr. Whitford  
*Teach Me Thy Truth, O Mighty One* – arr. Burkhart

### Musical Call to Worship

*Prelude on Holy Manna* – arr. Marker  
(*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*)

### Call to Worship (from Isaiah 43)

The Lord declares, “You are my witnesses, my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he.

Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me.”

**You are the LORD, and besides you there is no savior.**

**We are your witnesses, called by your name, created for your glory.**

### Invocation

### Opening Hymn

*“Lord Whose Love in Humble Service”* – HWB #369

### Greeting and Welcoming Each Other

### Confession of Sin (from 2 Timothy 2)

In God’s great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. So those who cleanse themselves from what is dishonorable will be vessels for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

**Forgive us, Lord, when we have pursued dishonorable passions – wrath, covetousness, lust and pride -- instead of righteousness.**

**Forgive us when we have been faithless toward your faithfulness.**

**Forgive us for being quarrelsome in foolish controversies that ruin our witness to your kingdom. Forgive us for irreverent follies that swerve from your truth and lead others into ungodliness. Grant us repentance and free us from the snares of the devil.** (continued next page)

The word of God is not bound. God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."

**Anthem**

*Fantasy on Kingsfold* – arr. Wagner  
(*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*)

**II. HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD**

**Scripture Readings**

Isaiah 43:5-13 (ESV); 2 Timothy 2:1-26(ESV)  
Matthew 9:35-10:15 (ESV)

**Sermon**

*"Commissioned for the Kingdom"*

**III. RECEIVING THE SPIRIT, JOINED IN CHRIST'S BODY**

**Announcements and Offerings**

- **Today's Worship offering:** Central Plains Mennonite Conference
- **Today's Sunday school offering:** Salem Sunday School
- **Children's Offering:** Weekend School Lunch Bag Program

**Congregational Sharing & Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**IV. RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES**

**Closing Hymn**

*"How Bouyant and Bold"* – HWB #394

**Benediction** (from 2 Tim.2:22-25, Isaiah 35:1-4)

Pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, with all those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. Be kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting opponents with gentleness. For thus says the LORD, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, your Savior; you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you."

**Postlude**

*Jesus, Thou Divine Companion* – arr. V Williams

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**Speaker:** Spencer Bradford; **Worship Leader:** Brooklyn Ries; **Greeters:** Brian & Wendy Miller; **Musicians:** Deb Schmeichel (organist); Handbells (special music)

**Coffee:** Classroom #10

## THE CHURCH AT WORK

### TODAY

**Sunday, February 1, 4:00 p.m., in Fellowship Hall** - "The Mission," an Oscar-winning movie about Jesuits in 18th-century Paraguay seeking to be faithful evangelists and disciples, protecting their indigenous community from enslavement. Attendees are welcome to bring comfy lawn seats and snacks.

### THIS WEEK

**Tuesday, February 3, 7:30 p.m.** – Prayer & Fasting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85365395504>

- **Meeting ID:** 853 6539 5504 **Passcode:** prayer2020
- One tap mobile +13462487799,,85365395504# US (Houston)
- Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 **Meeting ID:** 853 6539 5504

**Wednesday, February 4, 7:00 p.m.** – Ladies Ensemble

**7:30 p.m.** – Chancel Choir

### NEXT SUNDAY, February 8, 2026

**Speaker:** Spencer Bradford; **Worship Leader:** Lois Janzen Preheim; **Greeters:** Brian & Wendy Miller; **Musicians:** Heather Haggerty (organist); Chancel Choir (special music); **Coffee:** Classroom #10

**Worship Offering:** Menno Media

**Sunday School Offering:** South Church Library

**Children's Offering:** Weekend School Lunch Bag Program

### COMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, February 10, 7:00 p.m.** – Christian Formation Meeting

**Wednesday, February 11, 11:30 a.m.** – Freeman Network for Justice & Peace  
At Freeman Public Library

**Thursday, February 12** – Serving at the Yankton Banquet

### SOUTH CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES

**The Mission and Service Team invites you to look at the signup sheet** on the narthex table for serving or making food at the Yankton Banquet on Thursday, February 12. Monetary donations for groceries can be given to Lee Brockmueller, earmarked "The Banquet". Thank you!

**Ryan Brockmueller will cover household treasurer duties** in February during Lee's absence. He will be monitoring Lee's mailbox so you may continue to put bills and donations thee or give them directly to Ryan. Either way will work.

**The Everence Sharing Fund** provided \$1,200.00 in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. Myles Brockmueller serves as the Everence advocate for our congregation. Please contact him for more information.

**Additional help is being sought to help make coffee** for our church's Sunday morning coffee time. There are currently three Sunday School classes taking turns. It takes about 10-15 minutes before church and again after church or Sunday School. It can be done by an individual or as many people as you want to help you! There are written instructions to make the coffee, but any of the current volunteers would be happy to work with you until you are comfortable. If you would be willing to occasionally take a turn, please write your name on the signup sheet in the narthex. If you have questions, please talk to Donna Ries, Kris Carlson, or Brent Brockmueller or any member of the Conference Room Class, Class 10 or the Young Adult Class.

### **COMMUNITY & BEYOND**

**MCC Central States annual meeting** – You are invited to the MCC Central States annual meeting on Saturday, March 7 at 11 a.m. at MCC Central States, 121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St, North Newton, KS 67117.

**Schmeckfest sign-up sheets** are in the fellowship hall; please sign up to bring food and also to work one or more shifts at the Schmeckfest meal on April 10 & 11, 2026. Questions? See Alison Neufeld or Jenelle Miller.

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