



Salem Mennonite Church

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I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE

Prelude

Partita on Heinlein – Graves

Choral Call to Worship

My Savior's Love - Gabriel

Call to Worship

HWB #659

Invocation

Opening Hymn

For God So Loved Us – HWB #167 ♥

Greeting and Welcoming Each Other

Confession of Sin (from Isaiah 57:11-21)

God says, "The wicked are like the tossing sea; for it cannot be quiet, and its waters toss up mire and dirt. There is no peace for the wicked. Whom did you dread and fear, so that you lied, and did not remember me, did not lay it to heart? Have I not held my peace, even for a long time, and you do not fear me?"

We can declare our righteous deeds, but they will not profit us. We turn to our idols, but they do not deliver us, for they are as wind and a breath. The Lord hides his face at our backsliding to ways of our own hearts, and the Lord is angered at our unjust gain and iniquity. Yet we seek refuge in the Lord who is our home.

Thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: Build up, build up, prepare the way, remove every obstruction from my people's way. I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with the one who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite. For I will not contend forever, nor will I always be angry; for the human spirit would grow faint before me, and the breath of life that I made. I have seen their ways, but I will heal them; I will lead and restore comfort to them who mourn. Peace, peace, to the far and to the near, and I will heal them, says the Lord.

Anthem

How Deep the Father's Love for Us – Townend/Shackley

II. HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Scripture Readings

Leviticus 8:10-30 (ESV); Hebrews 10:1-25(NIV)
Matthew 26:3-13 (NIV)

Sermon

Choice and Sacrifice

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

Offertory Doxology – HWB 119A

Announcements and Offerings

- **Today's Worship offering:** Central Plains Mennonite Conference
- **Today's Sunday school offering:** FRHS Assisted Living (Salem Home)
- **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

I Love to Tell the Story – HWB #398♥

Benediction

Prayer of St. Patrick (in unison) – HWB #738

Postlude

Speaker: Matthew Waltner; **Worship Leader:** Crystal Nelson; **Musicians:** Sharla Unruh (organist); Men's Choir (special music); Debra Schmeichel (accompanist); **Greeters:** Angie Brockmueller and Cindee Mutchelknaus; **Coffee:** Conference Room Class

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

Lenten Study Series continues – 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

March 22 – *Advance Directives on Care at the End of Life*; Lindsey Unruh and Attorney Paul VanOlson

"Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom." Psalm 90:12

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, March 24, 8:00 p.m. – Rural Revival at Freeman Public Library

Wednesday, March 25, 2:00 p.m. – Freezer Meals for Freeman Academy Dorm

Wednesday, March 25, 7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 26, 7:00 p.m. – Bethel College Choir & Wind Ens/North Church
With Freeman Academy choir members

NEXT SUNDAY, March 29, 2026

Speaker: Spencer Bradford; **Worship Leader:** Brad Carlson; **Greeters:** Angie Brockmueller & Cindee Mutchelknaus; **Musicians:** Sharla Unruh (organist); Horn Trio (special music); **Coffee:** Conference Room Class; **Scriptures:** Numbers 19:1-10; Hebrews 9:1-15; Isaiah 50:2-10; Matthew 21:1-17

Worship Offering: Oyate Hope Academy

Sunday School Offering: Mennonite Disaster Service

Children's Offering: Weekend School Lunch Bag Program

COMING EVENTS

Holy Week Services – March 30-April 1 – Freeman Community Center

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES

Easter Lilies – If you would like to purchase an Easter lily in memory or in honor of a family member, please contact Cheryl Wollmann at Fensels Greenhouse.

The Endowment Fund Team will accept grant applications until April 1 for projects that could benefit Salem Mennonite Church and/or a mission and outreach aspect of Salem Mennonite Church. Distributions will be made in June 2026.

Application forms are available on the table in the narthex. An electronic version may also be requested from the church office. Duane Ries, Endowment Chr.

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

On Sunday evening, March 22 at 7 pm, Dan Graber and friends will be sharing a recital at Salem-Zion. Solo organ works, along with selections for flute, clarinet and piano will be performed. The recital will conclude with Schubert's Shepherd on the Rock for soprano, clarinet and piano. Performers include: Karl Graber, piano; Rebecca Huberg-Krause, flute; Heather Engberg, soprano.

The Bethel College Concert Choir and Wind Ensemble will present a concert called "Awake the Harp" in collaboration with Freeman Academy students on Thursday, March 26 at Salem-Zion Mennonite Church. The concert will close with a mass choir performance of "Awake the Harp" from Haydn's *Creation* which is open to anyone in the community to join! Rehearsal at 6 pm and concert at 7 pm.

Freeman Academy continues to have a need for volunteers in various areas.

Building and Grounds, including preparation for Schmeckfest

Front Office: phone coverage, computer and other tasks

Dorm: weekend staff coverage, meals, and transportation

For these needs, contact Brice Kauffman or Charity Ortman in the school office at (605) 925-4237.

The Mennonite Churches of Freeman invite the Freeman Community to attend Holy Week services being held at the Freeman Community Center from March 30 to April 1. Each evening will begin with a time of fellowship, cookies & coffee at 6:00 pm. The service will start at 6:30 pm each night. These services allow those gathered to fellowship and worship together with heartfelt singing, engagement with the scriptures and inspired preaching. **An offering** will be taken each evening, with all gifts going directly to White River Cheyenne Mennonite Church in Busby, MT. **If you choose to write a check, please make them out to White River Cheyenne Mennonite Church.**

This year's preacher Suzette Shreffler and the theme is, "God's suffering, Our suffering." Suzette Shreffler is the first enrolled member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe in Montana to become an ordained pastor in the Anabaptist world. Her and her husband, Scott, co-pastor the White River Cheyenne Mennonite Church.

Schmeckfest Country Kitchen is asking for donations of food items for April 10 and 11. Poppyseed rolls, fruit pockets, kuchen, pumpkin rolls, jam, horseradish, and summer savory sell especially well. Donated food items for the Country Kitchen may be brought to Sterling Hall and should be labeled. Thank you!

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am/Sunday School – Following Worship
Vernetta Waltner, Administrative Assistant (southchurch@goldenwest.net) 925-4553
Spencer Bradford, Pastor 919-808-2024/spencerbradford42@gmail.com

Dementia Dialogues® Hosted by Freeman Regional Health Services

FREE Dementia Dialogues® training is being offered **March 23, 24 & 25 from 4:30-7:30 p.m.** to the Freeman community. The program is designed to bring awareness and educate community members and caregivers for people who exhibit signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

Dinner provided. **Class size is limited!** Sponsored by South Dakota Foundation for Medical Care & SD Dept. of Human Services.

Location: **Dewald Street Village (Commons Area), 600 S. Dewald St., Freeman**
7 HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS AVAILABLE for EMS, Dental, Long-Term Care Administrators, Social Work, Occupational Therapy, Chiropractors, and CHW / CHR professionals.

Registration Link: <https://osa.cventevents.com/02zrAZ>