

Shalom Mennonite Church

November 20, 2011

Those Who Have Eyes to See

The word of the Lord came to me: Mortal, you are living in the midst of a rebellious house, who have eyes to see but do not see, who have ears to hear but do not hear; for they are a rebellious house.

Ezekiel 12:1-3a

Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

John 8:12

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Announcements

Jeremy Kindy

Gathering Music and Processional

We carry in a flame, the Bible, and a prayer cloth. May we trust the Light to guide us, the Word to teach us, and prayer to knit our lives together with God as we begin our time of worship.

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Hymn HWB 334

Christ is the world's true light

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

David Jantz & John McCabe-Juhnke

Hymn STJ 95

I want to walk as a child of the light

Quiet Reflection

The periods of silence in our worship will begin and end with the ringing of a chime.

Meditation & Scripture

"When was it that we saw you?"

Sara Dick & Dan Smucker

Sung Response (a traditional Byzantine "Alleluia")

Quiet Reflection

Responding to the Word

Hymn HWB 550

Living and dying with Jesus

Blessing for Youth and Mentors (see insert)

Offertory & Prayer

Sharing Time & Introductions

During this time in the service we welcome visitors, invite responses to the worship service, and share prayer concerns and joys. Please sign the "Welcome Pages" (black books) in the pews so we can learn each others' names.

Prayers of the People

Sending

Hymn STJ 67

Let there be light, Lord God

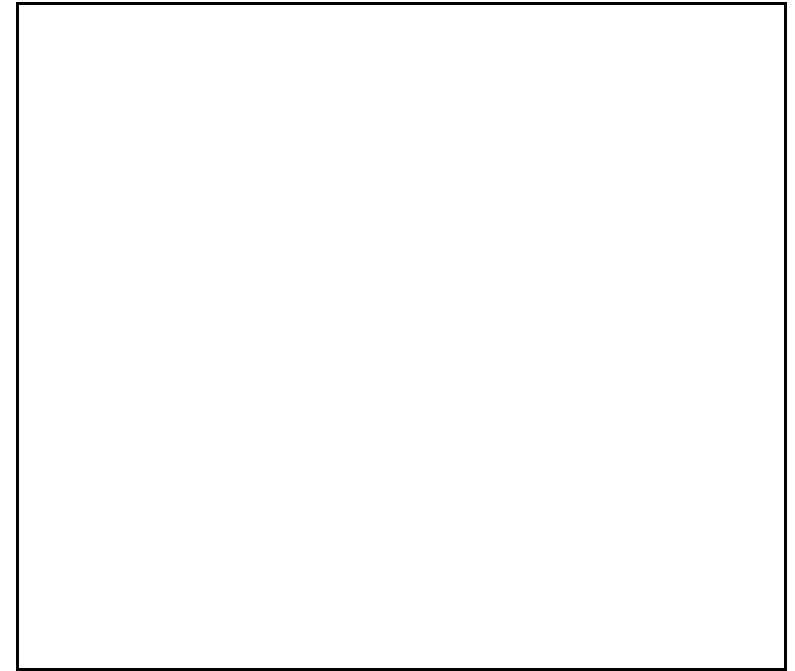
Benediction

Hearing devices are available from an usher or the sound booth.

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Before being beautiful, the icon must first be truthful, and all the more so because an image appeals to the heart before it strikes the intelligence. Today, when the human countenance is so disfigured, when racial discrimination persists, when so many people suffer from a lack of genuine, sincere communication, faces on the icons radiating a light that comes from beyond fascinate and beckon us to contemplate. Although they speak indeed of God, they also speak about humanity.

-Michel Quenot in *The Icon: Window on the Kingdom*



Sunday, November 20, 2011

Greeters: Stan & Anita Bohn, Carmen & Roger Reimer, Doris Weber
Musicians: Greta Hiebert, Anita Bohn
Visual Arts: Michelle Hofer (banner artist), Hanna Eastin (worship center)
Sound and Closing: Brett Prothro

Pastor: Eric Massanari
Associate Pastor: Sara Dick
Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger
Youth Ministry Intern: Allison Schrag
Church Moderator: Matt Schmidt

Our purpose is to worship and praise God together, to pray for and encourage each other to live our covenant with God and to share Christ's good news with others. As Anabaptist Christians we will reach out to others, welcome all people, be aware of our neighbors and respond to their needs, and give ourselves to service.

9:30 a.m.- Sunday School 10:45 a.m.- Worship
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