

Shalom Mennonite Church

March 25, 2012

The Way of Mercy

*Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love...
You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.*
Psalm 51:1,6

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Special Announcements Brad Born

Opening Psalm Reading Psalm 51

Gathering Music

Call to Worship HWB 664

Hymn HWB 121 *Holy God, we praise thy name*

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time Eric Massanari

Hymn STJ 32 *If you believe and I believe*

Scripture Reading John 12:20-26

Quiet Reflection

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

Meditation in Word, Image & Music

“Passion: when the cross is not empty”

Quiet Reflection

Responding to the Word

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 (see back of bulletin)

Sending

Sending Hymn HWB 545

Be thou my vision

Benediction

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

Greeters: Brett & Marathana Prothro, Kelvin & Lisa Bartel,
Kristen Mayhue

Psalm Reading: Connor Born

Meditation: Yolanda Kauffman (photography), Russ Neufeld and
Eric Massanari (music), poetry by Ranier Maria Rilke

Musicians: Brett Prothro, Russ Neufeld, Tom Szambecki

Sound & Closing: Jeffrey Graber

Pastor: Eric Massanari

Associate Pastor: Sara Dick

Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger

Church Moderator: Matt Schmidt

***In this path of our lives,
whether it is daybreak, midday, or twilight,
be with us and go with us.
Calm our fears when we are faced
with moments of letting go and dying.
Lead us through it all to You,
the very Presence of Love.***

***Teach us, O God,
to die before we die
so that our final death will become -
as it was for Jesus -
a great healing,
a passage into deeper life with you.***

***Show us the face of yieldedness,
so that we may know at the end of
each encounter, each day,
what to let go of and what to keep.***

***Be the soil into which the seed of our life falls.
Be the sunlight on which we feed.
Be the rainfall that satisfies our parched thirst.
Teach us the art of dying
so that we might truly live
the life you have shown us in Christ Jesus,
who calls us together
and unites us to sing
that You are love. AMEN***

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 25, 2012

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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