

# Shalom Mennonite Church

April 15, 2012

## *Holy Humor*

*...for you will laugh!*

Luke 6:21b

### Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Very Extra-Special Announcements John Otto

Opening Psalm Reading Psalm 133

Gathering Music

Call to Worship

One: We believe in God, who created us in His image.

**ALL: We live, we love, and we laugh because we are like God.**

One: We believe in Jesus Christ, who shows us The Way.

**ALL: He had the last laugh when he rose from the dead!**

One: We believe in the Holy Spirit, who inspires our living.

**ALL: Our counselor and our guide – She is our joy!**

One: Forgive us, O God, when we take ourselves too seriously,  
when we don't claim the happiness that you offer us,  
when we forget that you will have the last laugh in this world.

**ALL: Restore us to the joy of our salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**

Hymn HWB 25 *Jesus, stand among us*

### Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time Chuck Regier

Drama (but not too dramatic) "Fish-Eyes"

Hymn STJ 95 *I want to walk as a child of the light*

And more drama... John 20:19-31

Quiet Reflection

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

Meditation "checking our fluids" Eric Massanari

Sharing some holy humor

Unison Prayer

**God, help me to laugh with so much heart that I shake the trees  
and tremble the quiet pools. Surprise the old carp and warblers  
with my joy. Multiply my delights till they surround me like  
an echo revolving in a gorge. AMEN**

*(Kathryn Mosby, The Book of Uncommon Prayer)*

Hymn HWB 570 *We walk by faith*

### 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

### Sending

Sending Hymn HWB 71 *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

Benediction

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

## IF GOD INVITED YOU TO A PARTY...

If God  
invited you to a party and  
said,

“Everyone in the ballroom tonight will  
be my special  
guest.”

How would you then treat them when you arrived?

Indeed, indeed!

And the one who is awake knows  
that there is no one in this world  
who is not standing upon

God's jeweled dance  
floor.

Shams-ud-din Muhammad Hafiz (c.1320-1389)

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## Second Sunday of Easter

**April 15, 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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Performed by Toby Tyner, Eric Massanari.

Musicians: Greta Hiebert, Yvonne Bontrager, Joan Schrock Woodward,

Tim Huber, Anita Bohn

Sound & Closing: Russ Neufeld

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