

# Shalom Mennonite Church

April 29, 2012

## *Love in Truth and Action*

*April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. So today we bring to heart and mind the awareness of young lives wounded by abuse and neglect. We bring to heart and mind the awareness of a Love which calls us to truth and action on behalf of the most vulnerable members of our community.*

### Gathering in God's Presence

#### Welcome and Special Announcements

Edna Dyck

#### 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

Jesus said, "Come."

*We have come from many places with many needs.*

Jesus said, "Come to me."

*We gather in this house of worship to be with Jesus, and to seek his presence.*

Jesus said, "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened."

*We bring our burdens, our need to confess them, to lay them down, and to find freedom.*

Jesus said, "Come to me and I will give you rest."

*We come seeking that rest both for ourselves and for our neighbors, that together we may rest in God's mercy.*

Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

#### Prayer of Invocation

Hymn HWB 170

*The King of love my shepherd is*

### Proclaiming the Word

#### Reading

Psalm 23

#### Children's Time

Becky Kindy

#### Hymn HWB 616

*Children of the heavenly Father*

#### Reading

1 John 3:18-24

#### Quiet Reflection

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

#### Meditation

"the risk of growing in love"

Eric Massanari

#### Quiet Reflection

#### Hymn HWB 490

*Lord of the home*

### 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 582

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

#### Benediction

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

## **An Affirmation of Faith**

We believe that beyond the violence,

**there can be love;**

That beyond the despair,

**there can be hope;**

That beyond the torment,

**we will find rest;**

That beyond our brokenness,

**there can be healing;**

That beyond our agony,

**we will find joy.**

***O God, transform our disbelief and gently carry us toward our greatest wholeness in You. Amen.***

*Adapted from a litany written by Carolyn Holderread Heggen*

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## **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**April 29, 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.

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Greeters: Senior High Youth, Melanie Zuercher

Visual Arts: Doris Weber

Bulletin cover art: Käthe Kollwitz, *Widows and Orphans* (1919)

Musicians: Andrew Thiesen, Karen Schlabaugh, Ardys Woodward, Neil Smucker, Greg Nickel, Greta Hiebert.

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Pastor: Eric Massanari

Associate Pastor: Sara Dick

Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger

Church Moderator: Matt Schmidt

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

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