

Shalom Mennonite Church

June 17, 2012

A Letter and Labor of Love: Paul's Letter to the Romans

Part 3: “While we were still sinners”

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

-Romans 5:1-2

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome & Announcements

Don Woodward

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

Based on Psalm 95, John 4:5-26; Romans 5:1-11; Exodus 17:3-7*

O come, let us sing to the Lord.

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

God's love has been poured into our hearts like a gushing spring of water, like water from a rock.

We come into God's presence with thanksgiving, making a joyful noise with songs of praise.

We worship in spirit and in truth.

Prayer

Opening Hymn HWB 301

Joys are flowing like a river

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

Beth Burns

Hymn HWB 530

What wondrous love is this

Scripture Reading

The Event (Acts 9:1-6) and Reflections on the Event (Romans 5:1-11)

Quiet Reflection

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

Meditation

“Love Story”

Weldon Schloneger

Hymn HWB 150

Wonderful grace of Jesus

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

Sara Dick

Sending

Blessing

Hymn STJ 44

The love of God

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

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Love me when I least deserve it,
because that's when I really need it.

- Swedish Proverb



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Greeters: Doris Weber, Anita & Stan Bohn, Gary & Gloria Rediger

Musicians: Mark Schmidt Andres, Chris Dick

Visual Arts: Debra Voth

Sound and Closing: David Kaufman

Pastor: Eric Massanari

Associate Pastor: Sara Dick

Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger

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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