

Shalom Mennonite Church

July 1, 2012

Soulful Seeking and Learning

*God is good to those who wait,
to the soul who seeks God.*

Lamentations 3:25

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Special Announcements

Eric Massanari

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 and Prayer

Leader: Seekers of God, you are here and God is here.

Open your eyes to see anew.

(silence)

Lovers of God, you are here and God is here.

Open your heart to be touched anew.

(silence)

Followers of God, you are here and God is here.

Open your mind to learn anew.

(silence)

People of God, you are here and God is here.

Open yourself to be filled anew.

(silence)

ALL: **Holy and Gracious God, here and everywhere,**

you created us with a desire to see you.

**You care for us with a love that softens the
hardest places in our hearts.**

You impart to us wisdom and knowledge.

You fill us with your Spirit of grace.

See our open eyes.

Hold our open hearts.

Teach our open minds.

And fill us with your Spirit. Amen

Gathering Hymn HWB 25

Jesus, stand among us

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

Emma Regier

First Reading

Lamentations 3:21-33

Hymn HWB 375

Heal us, Immanuel, here we are

Second Reading

Mark 5:21-43

Quiet Reflection

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

Meditation

“The Small Touch, The Everyday Word”

Brad Born

Quiet Reflection

Hymn HWB 486

God of our life

Responding to the Word

Moment in Mission

Perry White, President of Bethel College

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 430

God be with you

Benediction

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

Call to worship is from *Words for Worship 2*, edited by Diane Zaerr Brenneman,
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One day, abba Arsenius consulted an old Egyptian monk about his thoughts. Someone noticed this and said to him, "Abba Arsenius, how is it that you, with such a good Latin and Greek education, ask this peasant about your thoughts?" Arsenius replied, "I have indeed been taught Latin and Greek, but I do not even know the alphabet of this peasant."

- from the sayings of the Desert Mothers and Fathers (4th cent.)

On the front of the bulletin this morning is an image of a Cretan labyrinth; one of a number of ancient labyrinth designs. A labyrinth, unlike a maze, is a single path that moves in towards a center and then back out again. For many centuries and in many cultures labyrinths have served as symbols for the journey of life and spiritual transformation. The walking of labyrinths continues to be a meaningful meditation practice for people across spiritual traditions. Here in Newton there is a labyrinth available for walking meditation on the PrairieView campus on East 1st Street. It is available to the public during morning hours before 8am, in the evening after 6pm, and on weekends. Gerry Epp from our congregation was instrumental in the vision and construction of that labyrinth and you can ask him if you are curious to learn more!

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Sunday, July 1, 2012

Greeters: David & Mary Duerksen, Chuck & Cindy Regier
Musicians: Rachel Epp Buller, Daisy Buller, Josue Coy Dick, Greg Nickel
Visual Arts: Plant Potluck
Sound and Closing: Phil Graber

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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