

# Shalom Mennonite Church

July 22, 2012

## *Rooted and Grounded in Love*

*I pray that, according to the riches of God's glory,  
you will be granted strength in your inner being  
through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and that Christ may dwell in your hearts  
as you are being rooted and grounded in love.*

Ephesians 3:16-17

## Gathering in God's Presence

### Welcome and Special Announcements

Marv Zehr

### Gathering Music and Processional

### Call to Worship

People of God,  
look about and see the faces  
of those we know and love—  
**neighbors and friends,  
sisters and brothers--  
a community of kindred hearts.**

People of God,  
look about and see the faces of  
those we hardly know—  
**strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends,  
the ones who need an outstretched hand.**

People of God,  
look about you and see  
all the images of God assembled here.  
**In me, in you, in each of us,  
God's Spirit shines for all to see.**

People of God, come.  
*Let us worship together.*

### Prayer of Invocation

### Gathering Hymns

STJ 3

HWB 106

*Jesus calls us here to meet him  
All hail the power of Jesus' name*

## Proclaiming the Word

### Scripture Reading

John 17:18-26

### Quiet Reflection

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

### Hymn HWB 310

*How good a thing it is*

### Children's Time

Sara Dick

### Scripture Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

### Quiet Reflection

### Meditation

Eric Massanari

*During this time we will hear reflections from members of the Shalom  
congregation who attended the Western District Conference annual  
assembly in Oklahoma City on the weekend of July 6-8. Additional written  
reflections can be found in the bulletin insert this morning.*

### Quiet Reflection

### Hymn

*Unidos (please see bulletin insert)*

## 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

*May the peace of the Lord Christ (please see bulletin insert)*

### Benediction

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

## ***The Importance of Windows***

by Mattie J.T. Stepanek

Windows are very good things to have.  
They let you look out,  
And see all the different things.  
And they let you look in,  
To see all the other different things.  
And do you know what is the most  
Special window of all?  
The window in your heart,  
That's between the Heaven-in-the-earth,  
And the Heaven-in-the-sky.

Mattie J.T. Stepanek (July 17, 1990 – June 22, 2004) was a gifted poet and a Maryland state ambassador and United States ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. His life and poetry continue to be an inspiration to many. This poem is from his bestselling collection entitled, *Heartsongs* (2001).

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Greeters: Kelvin & Lisa Bartel, Kristen Mayhue, Brett & Marathana Prothro  
Musicians: Chris Dick, Anita Bohn, Sara Dick, Eric Massanari  
Visual Arts: Marlene Smucker  
Sound and Closing: Greg Nickel

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Pastor: Eric Massanari  
Associate Pastor: Sara Dick  
Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger  
Church Moderator: Matt Schmidt

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**Sunday, July 22, 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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