

Shalom Mennonite Church

August 12, 2012

Faith: Doubt and Clarity

Part 2, The Sound of Sheer Silence

*...and after the fire, there came the sound of sheer silence.
When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle
and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.*

1 Kings 19:12b-13

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Special Announcements

Sharon Penner

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.

Invocation (inspired by Psalm 131)

We come now to worship.

**You gather us in,
God of Life,
Lord of Love.**

Release our hearts from pride and arrogance.

**Free our minds.
Uncloud our vision.**

Set our souls in silence and peace.

We come to rest on your breast, O Mother of Mystery.

**You gather in all your children,
God of Life,
Lord of Love.**

Amen

Gathering Hymn STJ 112

I owe my Lord a morning song

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

Barb Goering

First Reading

John 6:35-42, 60-66

Quiet Reflection

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

Second Reading

1 Kings 19:1-13

Scripture Reflection

Laurie Hesed

Quiet Reflection

Hymn HWB 545

Be thou my vision

Meditation

“faith by subtraction”

Eric Massanari

Quiet Reflection

Hymn HWB 556

Lord, thou hast searched me

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 STJ 49

Rain down

Benediction

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

*God is not attained by a process of addition
to anything in the soul,
but by a process of subtraction.*

- Meister Eckhart

*As soon as I understood
(even to a limited degree)
that this is G-d's world
I began to lose weight
immediately...*

- Leonard Cohen, from *Book of Longing*

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Sunday August 12, 2012

Greeters: Jon & Beth Piper, Lola Schmidt, Marlene & Stan Smucker
Musicians: Anita Bohn, Sam Smucker, Tom Szambecki & Martha Unruh
Visual Arts: Doris Weber
Sound and Closing: Andrew Thiesen

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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