

Shalom Mennonite Church

September 16, 2012

Seek Peace and Pursue It

Part III: Seeking Peace through Respect

Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

-1 Peter 3:15-16

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome & Special Announcements Bob Bontrager

Gathering music

Psalm Reading Psalm 34:14-22

Call to Worship

Brothers and sisters, welcome to worship.

We lay aside our pride and our judgments as we enter the house of God.

In this place, each seat is a seat of honor.

In this place, each person is of utmost value.

Here we glimpse God's kingdom of justice.

Here we hear whispers of God's kingdom of peace.

May our eyes and our ears be open.

Prayer for Peace and Lighting of the Christ Lamp

Gathering Hymn HWB 1 *What is this place*

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading James 2:1-13

Hymn HWB 362 *Help us to help each other*

Children's Time Tim Huber

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

Meditation Sara Dick

Quiet Reflection

Hymn STJ 54 *Longing for light*

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

Hymn HWB 407 *We are people of God's peace*

Blessing

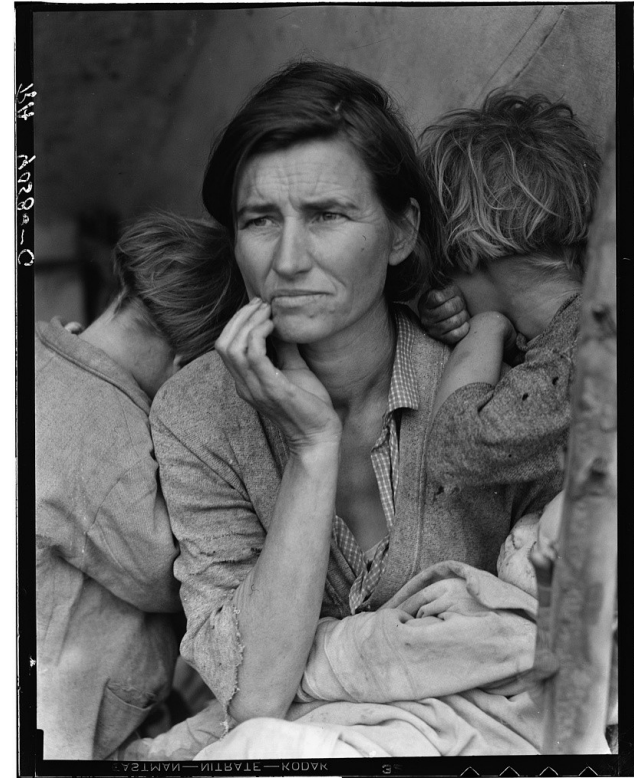
Hearing devices are available from an usher or the sound booth.

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I saw and approached the hungry and desperate mother, as if drawn by a magnet. I do not remember how I explained my presence or my camera to her, but I do remember she asked me no questions. I made five exposures, working closer and closer from the same direction. I did not ask her name or her history. She told me her age, that she was thirty-two. She said that they had been living on frozen vegetables from the surrounding fields, and birds that the children killed. She had just sold the tires from her car to buy food. There she sat in that lean-to tent with her children huddled around her, and seemed to know that my pictures might help her, and so she helped me. There was a sort of equality about it.

-Dorothea Lange in *Popular Photography*, Feb. 1960



Sunday, September 16, 2012

Participants in the Worship Service:
Greeters: Kelvin & Lisa Bartel, Anita & Stan Bohn, Doris Weber
Musicians: Zachary Hague, Karen & Merle Schlabaugh
Visual arts: Hannah Eastin
Sound System Operator: Brett Prothro
Cover art: Dorothea Lange, *Migrant Mother, Nipomo, California, 1936*

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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