

# Shalom Mennonite Church

September 2, 2012

## *Seeking Peace Through Humility*

*For God has shown you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you but  
to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with God.*

Micah 6:8

### Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Special Announcements

Stan Smucker

Gathering Music

Psalm Reading

Psalm 34:14-18

Call to Worship

We gather today for worship of the One who leads us  
away from evil, and towards the pursuit of peace.

**May our worship begin with open eyes, listening ears  
and responsive hearts.**

To worship is to bear witness that there is One who deserves worship.

**There is One who is holy and righteous and powerful.**

*And that One is not us.*

*And that One is within all, and among all.*

So as we gather for worship, let us come with humility.

**Let us release our pride and sense of entitlement,  
that we might listen deeply and watch expectantly.**

Prayer for Peace and Lighting of the Christ Lamp

Gathering Hymn STJ 32

*If you believe and I believe*

### Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

Jeremy Kindy

Hymn STJ 56

*Make me a channel of your peace*

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 25:1-35

Quiet Reflection

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

Meditation

“falling earthward”

Eric Massanari

*How surely gravity's law, strong as an ocean current,  
takes hold of even the smallest thing and pulls it  
toward the heart of the world . . .*

*This is what the things can teach us: to fall,  
patiently to trust our heaviness.*

Rainer Maria Rilke

Quiet Reflection

Prayer of Blessing (see back of bulletin)

Hymn STJ 66

*If the war goes on*

### 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

Hymn STJ 77

*The peace of the earth be with you*

Sending Blessing

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

## Blessings

May the one who dwells in every landscape  
divest you of all that hinders your path into God.

From all that is broken, let there be beauty.  
From what is torn, jagged, ripped, frayed  
let there be not just mendings  
but meetings unimagined.

May the God in whom nothing is wasted  
gather up every scrap, shred and shard,  
and make of them new paths, doorways, worlds.

That we may live on the threshold  
where barrenness becomes beauty  
and poverty becomes plenitude.

That you will see the landscape of your life  
in all its fullness.

That when you are stuck you will be given  
eyes to see your terrain anew.

*May it be so, in God. Amen.*

*By Jan Richardson, in "In the Sanctuary of Women"*

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Greeters: David & Mary Duerksen, Chuck & Cindy Regier  
Musicians: Shalom Band  
Scripture Reader: Marlene Smucker  
Sound & closing: Phil Graber  
Visual arts: Hanna Eastin

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Pastor: Eric Massanari  
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# *Seek Peace and Pursue It*

## Part 1: Seeking Peace Through Humility



**Sunday, September 2, 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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