

# Shalom Mennonite Church

October 14, 2012

## *“What must I do to inherit eternal life?”*

Jesus, looking at the man, loved him and said,  
“You lack one thing; go, sell what you own,  
and give the money to the poor, and you  
will have treasure in heaven;  
then come, follow me.”

Mark 10:21

### Gathering in God’s Presence

#### Welcome and Special Announcements

Jeffrey Graber

#### Gathering Music & 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

In the One God, we are made one—the Body of Christ.

**Common be our prayer;  
Common be our worship.  
Open be our minds;  
Open be our hands.  
United be our hearts;  
United be our song.**

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#### Prayer of Invocation

#### Gathering Hymn HWB 32

*Our Father God thy name we praise*

### Proclaiming the Word

#### Children's Time

Sarah Fleming

#### Hymn HWB 314

*The word of God is solid ground*

#### First Reading

Hebrews 4:12-13

#### Second Reading

Mark 10:17-22

#### Quiet Reflection

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

#### Meditation

“cut to the chase”

Eric Massanari

#### Unison Prayer

Dear God, I am so afraid to open my clenched fists!  
Who will I be when I have nothing left to hold on to?  
Who will I be when I stand before you with empty hands?  
Please help me to gradually open my hands  
and to discover that I am not what I own,  
but what you want to give me.  
And what you want to give me is love,  
unconditional, everlasting love. Amen.

#### Quiet Reflection

#### Hymn HWB 348

*O Lord, hear my prayer*

### 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 HWB 427

*You shall go out with joy*

#### Sending Blessing

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

The prayer following the meditation was written by Henri Nouwen, in his book *With Open Hands*.

## *"What must I do to inherit eternal life?"*

Jesus looks intently at us and continues quietly to affirm that life is to be had not by accumulating things, but by disencumbering ourselves. Contrary to the dominant voices of our culture, [the story of the rich man] proclaims the good news that the way to be really rich is to die to wealth.

If this message does not take our breath away, if we are not shocked, appalled, grieved, or amazed, we have either not yet heard it or heard it so often that we do not really hear it any more.

- Lamar Williamson, Jr.



**Sunday, October 14, 2012**

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Greeters: Beth & Jon Piper, Lola Schmidt, Marlene & Stan Smucker  
Musicians: Anita Bohn and Martha Unruh Szambecki  
Visual arts: Ardy Woodward  
Sound System Operator/Closing: Andrew Thiesen  
Bulletin Cover Art: A passerby gives charity to a beggar in Israel.  
(Photo: Flash 90)

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

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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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