

# Shalom Mennonite Church

September 30, 2012

## *Seeking Peace Across Borders*

Now the Lord said to Abram,  
“Go from your country and your kindred and your  
father's house to the land that I will show you.  
I will make of you a great nation,  
and I will bless you.”  
Genesis 12:1-2a

### Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Special Announcements

Brad Born

Gathering Music

Call to Worship

We are here not because we have found God but because  
God our Creator has called us here,  
**Challenging us to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,  
and to be servants in the service of the whole human family.**  
And the call is also God's promise:  
**A promise of forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,  
courage in the struggle for justice and peace, and eternal  
life in that realm which has no end.**  
*Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto God!*

Prayer for Peace and Lighting of the Christ Lamp

Gathering Hymn HWB 46

*I sing the mighty power of God*

### Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

Tom Szambecki

Hymn HWB 315

*This is a story full of love*

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4

Quiet Reflection

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

Second Reading

Matthew 2:13-23

Quiet Reflection

Meditation

“Immigrant Jesus”

Nathan Koontz

Quiet Reflection

Hymn HWB 307

*Will you let me be your servant*

### 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 167

*For God so loved us*

Sending Blessing

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

*The Call to Worship this morning is written by Ruth C. Duck, in Bread for the  
Journey, 1981.*

# *Seek Peace and Pursue It*

## **Part 5: Seeking Peace Across Borders**

By the rivers of Babylon—  
there we sat down  
and there we wept  
when we remembered Zion.

On the willows there  
we hung up our harps.  
For there our captors asked us for songs,  
and our tormentors asked for mirth,  
saying, “Sing us the songs of Zion!”

How could we sing the Lord's song  
in a foreign land?

Psalm 137:1-4



**Sunday, September 30, 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.

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Participants in the Worship Service:

Greeters: Senior High Youth, Melanie Zuercher

Musicians: Greta Hiebert, Mark Schmidt Andres

Visual arts: Marlene Smucker

Sound System Operator/Closing: John Thiesen

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Pastor: Eric Massanari

Associate Pastor: Sara Dick

Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger

Church Moderator: Matt Schmidt

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9:30 a.m.- Sunday School    10:45 a.m.- Worship

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