

Shalom Mennonite Church

November 11, 2012

“Our Holy Longing”

As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, the Living God.
Psalm 42:1

Gathering in God’s Presence

Welcome and Special Announcements

Melanie Zuercher

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

Come Holy Spirit, come,

Come and fill us.

Come, Lord of Life, come,

Come and fill us.

Come, wind of heaven, come,

Come and fill us.

Come, flame of love, come,

Come and fill us.

Come, giver of all gifts, come.

Come and fill us.

Gathering Hymn HWB 121

Holy God, we praise thy name

Proclaiming the Word

Psalm Reading HWB 816 Psalm 42

Children's Time

Gerry Epp

Hymn HWB 500

As the hart with eager longing

Gospel Reading

Mark 12:38-44

Quiet Reflection

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

Meditation

“deep calls to deep”

Eric Massanari

*God, grant me the riches of poverty
for in such largesse lies my power and glory.*

Hafiz (14th cent.)

Quiet Reflection

Hymn STJ 54

Longing for light

Responding to the Word

Offertory & Prayer

Litany of Blessing for New and Retiring Drivers

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 545

Be thou my vision

Benediction

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

“Our Holy Longing”

All authentic spirituality is about letting go: letting go of comparison, competition, expectation, judgment; letting go of status, reputation, and appearances; letting go of need for power, to control, to succeed, to win, to be right...letting go of all the illusions we create or buy in order to make ourselves feel better. Ultimately, it means letting go of ourselves and the ones we love most.

Spiritual poverty begins with letting go and it always reveals the fragility of life. It takes us to the border between life and death where there are no guarantees—only hope, where there are no answers—only faith, and where there is no security—only love. This is where the poor widow lives. This is where God lives. And they live in union as one. In the face of the poor widow—the face of spiritual poverty—the Christ sees and recognizes himself.

Michael K. Marsh, “The Treasury of Poverty”
(<http://interruptingthesilence.com>)



Sunday, November 11, 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.

Greeters: Lela Mae & Tim Sawatzky, Lola Schmidt, Marlene & Stan Smucker
Musicians: Karen and Merle Schlabaugh
Sound System Operator/Closing: Brett Prothro

Pastor: Eric Massanari
Associate Pastor: Sara Dick
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