

Shalom Mennonite Church

December 16, 2012

Flood of Mercy

Advent 3: Repentance, renewal, restoration

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?"
-Luke 3:10

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome & Special Announcements Eric Massanari

Candle Lighting and Gathering Music Variations on *In Dulci Jubilo* – Beck

Call to Worship (based on Zephaniah 3:14-20)

Sing aloud, O people,
shout out your worship in a loud voice!
**God takes away the judgment against us;
there's no need to fear disaster.**
The Lord, our God, exults over us with gladness,
singing loudly as on a day of celebration.
**God delivers us from all that oppresses us,
changing our shame into praise.**
*We are saved not because we are good
but because God is good.*

Prayer of Invocation

Gathering Hymn HWB 183 *On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry*

Proclaiming the Word

First Reading Luke 3:7-18

Choral Anthems *Beside a Manger Lowly* – Robert Wetzler
Shepherds on a Hill – Carl Nygard

Children's Time Megan and Toby Tyner

Hymn HWB 182 *O, how shall I receive thee*

Second Reading "The Hug" by Tess Gallagher

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

Meditation "Bon Courage!" Sara Dick

Quiet Reflection

Confession
Surely you are our salvation, O God;
we will trust, and will not be afraid.
(silence)
You are our strength and our might;
you have become our salvation. Amen.

Hymn HWB 177 *Creator of the stars of night*

Responding to the Word

Offertory & Prayer *Of the Father's Love Begotten* – Held

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 567 *How firm a foundation*

Blessing (based on Philippians 4:4-7)
Let us not worry about anything,
but in everything, with thanksgiving,
make our requests known to God.
So God's peace, which is beyond understanding,
will guard both our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

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

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I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the Lord God is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

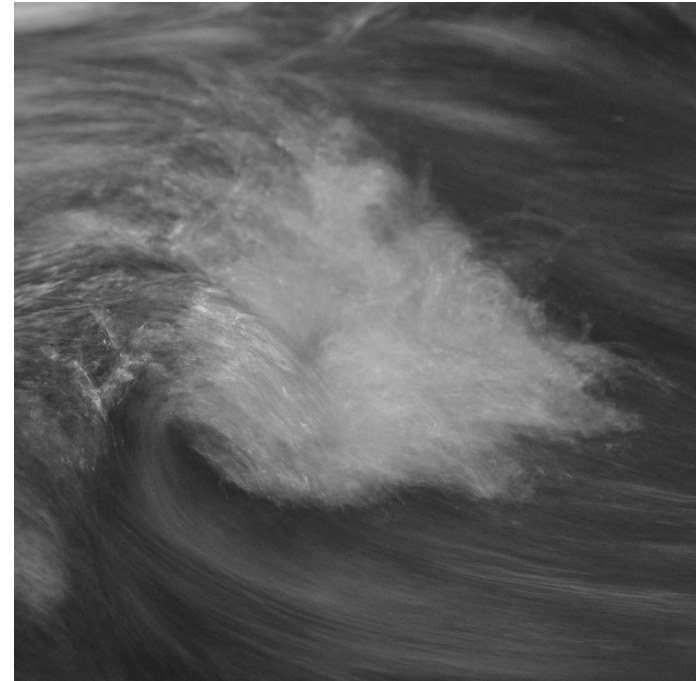
³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

⁴And you will say in that day:
Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;
make known his deeds among the nations;
proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.

⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

-Isaiah 12:2-6



Sunday, December 16, 2012

Greeters: Anita & Stan Bohn, Gary & Gloria Rediger, Doris Weber
Musicians: Karen Schlabaugh, Merle Schlabaugh, Greta Hiebert, Shalom Choir
Visual Arts: David Kaufman
Sound System Operator/Closing: Russ Neufeld
Cover photo today and last week: Yolanda Kauffman

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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