

Shalom Mennonite Church

December 2, 2012

Flood of Mercy

Advent 1: Wading in faithfulness

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome & Special Announcements

Eric Massanari

Candle Lighting and Gathering Music

Call to Worship

Lift up your souls,
lift them up to God, who is worthy of your trust.

**Our God is a God of salvation;
on this one we wait.**

God instructs us how to go,
leading us in right ways.

**Our God is a God of salvation;
on this one we wait.**

All God's paths are steadfast love and faithfulness;
God's promises are sure.

**Yes! Our God is a God of salvation;
on this one we wait.**

Prayer of Invocation

Gathering Hymn HWB 172

O Come, O Come, Immanuel

Proclaiming the Word

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Hymn HWB 372

O healing river

Children's Time

Megan and Toby Tyner

Choral Anthem

O Come, Emmanuel - arr. by Alice Parker

Second Reading

Luke 21:25-36

Quiet Reflection

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

Meditation "In the beginning . . . and in the end . . ."

Sara Dick

Quiet Reflection

Confession

To you, O God, we lift up our souls.

Do not let us be put to shame.

(silence)

Make us know your ways, O Lord;

lead us in your truth, and teach us. Amen.

Hymn HWB 176

Comfort, comfort, O my people

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 65

Let justice flow like streams

Blessing

Now may God increase our love for one another and for all,
and strengthen our hearts in holiness
so that we will be blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus.

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

* Special thanks to Stephen Mitchell, author of *A Book of Psalms*, for his own adaptation of Psalm 146 that inspired this morning's Call to Worship.

Greeters: David & Mary Duerksen, Chuck & Cindy Regier

Musicians: Greta Hiebert, Yvonne Bontrager, Karen Schlabaugh, Shalom Choir

Visual Arts: David Kaufman

Sound System Operator/Closing: Russ Neufeld

Pastor: Eric Massanari

Associate Pastor: Sara Dick

Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger

Church Moderator: Matt Schmidt

To You, O Love, I lift up my soul;
O Heart within my heart,
 in You I place my trust.
 Let me not feel unworthy;
 let not fear rule over me.
Yes! let all who open their hearts
 savor You and bless the earth!

Compel me to know your ways, O Love;
 instruct me upon your paths.
Lead me in your truth,
 and teach me,
 for through You will I know
 wholeness;
I shall reflect your light
 both day and night.

I know of your mercy, Compassionate One,
 and of your steadfast love.
 You have been with me
 from the beginning.
Forgive the many times I have
 walked away from You
 choosing to walk alone.
With your steadfast love,
 once again,
Companion me along your way.

You are gracious and just,
 O Spirit of Truth,
 happy to guide those who
 miss their way;
You enjoy teaching all who are open,
 all who choose to live in truth.
Your paths are loving and sure,
 O Holy One,
 for those who give witness to You
 through their lives.

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Sunday, December 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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