

Shalom Mennonite Church

January 6, 2013

illuminating the World **Epiphany Sunday**

*Arise, shine; for your light has come
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.*
Isaiah 60:1

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Special Announcements

Susan Graber

Candle Lighting and Gathering Music

Call to Worship

Arise, shine; your light has come.

God's glory has risen upon us.

Even if shadow should cover the earth,
nothing can hide God's glorious light.

Let us look to God and be radiant.

Let us reflect the brightness of this dawning.

Prayer of Invocation

Gathering Hymn HWB 145

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

Megan and Toby Tyner

First Reading

Psalm 72:1-7

Hymn STJ 65

Let justice flow like streams

Second Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Quiet Reflection

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

Meditation

“koinonia”

Eric Massanari

Quiet Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe that the light shines even in the darkness
and that the darkness will not overcome it.**

**We believe that justice is stronger than oppression,
and love is stronger than fear.**

**God will tumble the dividing walls between us,
and bring great things from small beginnings.**

Celebration of Communion please see STJ 170, 171

Hymn HWB 336

When peace, like a river

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

Sending Hymn HWB 478

Sent forth by God's blessing

Benediction

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

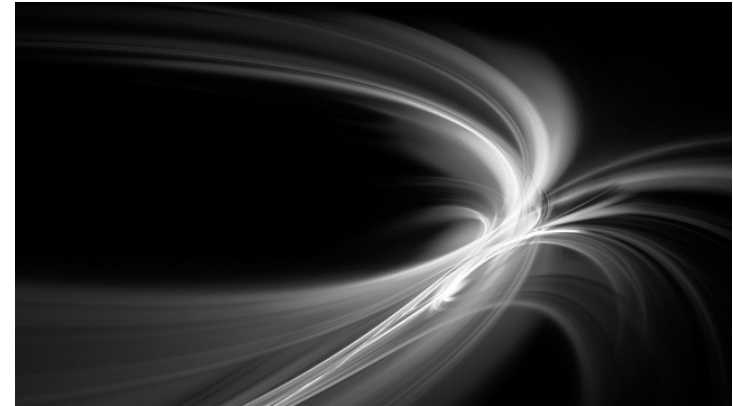
God created through love and for love. God did not create anything except love itself, and the means to love. He created love in all its forms. He created beings capable of love from all possible distances.

- Simone Weil

We regard our living together not as an unfortunate mishap warranting endless competition among us but as a deliberate act of God to make us a community of brothers and sisters jointly involved in the quest for a composite answer to the varied problems of life.

- Steven Biko

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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.

Greeters: David & Mary Duerksen, Chuck & Cindy Regier
Musicians: Anita Bohn, Rachel Epp-Buller, Abby Schmidt,
Giovanna McQuillen-Schnabel, Ardys Woodward.
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Sound System Operator/Closing: Phil Graber

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

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