

Shalom Mennonite Church

February 24, 2013

Ashamed No More

Lent 2: We will Take Courage and Wait on the Lord

*I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.*

Wait for the Lord;

be strong, and let your heart take courage;

wait for the Lord!

Psalm 27:13-14

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome & Special Announcements

Melanie Zuercher

Gathering Music & Procession

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

We come to worship and wait.

We wait for the Lord.

We wait in silence.

We wait in song.

We wait in prayer.

We listen, straining to hear God's voice in the darkness.

God said, "Jesus is my Son, my Chosen."

"Listen to him."

Prayer of Invocation

Gathering Hymn HWB 36

God of our strength

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

Sarah Kaufman

First Reading

Luke 13:31-35

Hymn STJ 35

O Breath of Life

Second Reading

Genesis 15:1-18

Quiet Reflection

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

Meditation

"Chicks and Stars"

Sara Dick

Quiet Reflection

Prayer of Confession

Our fast-paced lives demand rapid response –

We make deals when the price is right,

fix problems quickly to avoid further damage.

Figure things out. Bring closure. Evaluate.

Many situations defy our quick fixes...and yet we try.

We wonder: Why does it take so long, Lord?

Lord, you have waited for us for generations.

Help us to wait for you.

Assurance

Hymn STJ 54

Longing for light

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 Song HWB 430

God be with you

Benediction

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

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The Uses of Sorrow

Someone I loved once gave me
a box full of darkness.

It took me years to understand
that this, too, was a gift.

by Mary Oliver in *Thirst*



Sunday, February 24, 2013

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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Sound System Operator/Closing: Greg Nickel
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