

# 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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Visual Arts: Hanna Eastin  
Sound System Operator/Closing: Greg Nickel  
Bulletin cover art: "Seed corn must not be ground" by Käthe Kollwitz

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Pastor: Eric Massanari  
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