

Shalom Mennonite Church

March 3, 2013

Lent 3: We will seek the Lord and be fruitful

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Special Announcements

Susan Graber

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

Lord, we come to this place to worship you.

We come to seek your face and your counsel.

We come, with our hearts full of the things that do not satisfy.

We come, longing for the food that will fill our hungry souls.

Because your steadfast love is better than life, our lips will praise you.

We will bless you as long as we live;

we will lift up our hands and call on your name.

Prayer of Invocation

Gathering Hymn HWB 1

What is this place

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

Joe Smucker

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-9

Prayer of Confession

O Great Gardener, sometimes our fields seem barren.

Our flesh faints for You, as in a dry, waterless land.

The burden of our sin holds us down.

We confess those places where our lives have not produced the fruits of love, mercy, and kindness.

We confess those moments when we have turned from your bounty and instead fed our own ambition.

We confess the ways we have hoarded our time, our money, and our love.

(quiet reflection)

Guide us to your life-giving waters
so that our thirst may be fully satisfied.

Help us to seek you where you may be found.

Hymn HWB 474

I hunger and I thirst

Second Reading

Luke 13:1-9

Quiet Reflection

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

Meditation

“cultivating hope”

Eric Massanari

Quiet Reflection

Hymn HWB 495

O let all who thirst

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 HWB70

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Benediction

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

Ashamed No More

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God is the life of all free beings. God is the salvation of all, of believers or unbelievers, of the just or the unjust, of the pious or the impious, of those freed from passions or those caught up in them, of the cloistered or those living in the world, of the educated or the illiterate, of the healthy or the sick, of the young or the very old. God is like the outpouring of light, the glimpse of the sun, or the changes of the weather which are the same for everyone without exception.

Abba Pambo said, "If you have a heart, you can be saved."

From the sayings of the Desert Fathers and Mothers (4th cent.)



Sunday, March 3, 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.

Greeters: David & Mary Duerksen, Ed Duerksen, Chuck & Cindy Regier
Musicians: Greta Hiebert, Greg Nickel
Visual Arts: Hanna Eastin
Sound System Operator/Closing: Phil Graber
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