

# Shalom Mennonite Church

March 17, 2013

## *Ashamed No More*

### **Lent 5: Christ Jesus Has Made Us His Own**

*May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.  
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.*  
Psalm 126:5-6

#### Gathering in God's Presence

##### **Welcome & Special Announcements**

Becky Kindy

##### **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 as your children to worship.  
**We come from our toil, which is often tedious.**  
Lord, we see what you do with things that appear to be lifeless.  
**You bring life, and sustenance, and hope!**  
You send us out with joy, filling our mouths with laughter!  
**For you have made us your very own!**

##### **Gathering Song HWB 16**

*God is here among us*

#### Proclaiming the Word

##### **Children's Time**

Gerry Epp

##### **Hymn HWB 142**

*Brothers and sisters of mine*

##### **Gospel Reading**

John 12:1-8

##### **Quiet Reflection**

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

##### **Scripture Reflections from our Elders**

Phil Sawatzky, with reflections from Laverne Rutschman  
Ruth Epp, with reflections from Charlene Stoetzl and Christa Voth  
Stan Smucker, with reflections from Gladwin Bartel  
Mary Duerksen, with reflections from Christine Waltner  
Cheryl Peachy Stoner, with reflections from Esther Wenger  
(read by Sara Dick)

##### **Quiet Reflection**

##### **Prayer of Confession**

Giving God, we are humbled by your extravagance; which offers us much more than we can possibly need.  
We are shamed by our greed and wasteful desires; shamed that we fear to trust your provision.  
We confess the folly of trusting our own wisdom; of grasping and holding on to what is not even ours.  
Open our eyes to see. Open our hearts and hands to give.

##### **Assurance**

##### **Hymn HWB 616**

*Children of the heavenly Father*

#### 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 433**

*Go, my children*

##### **Benediction**

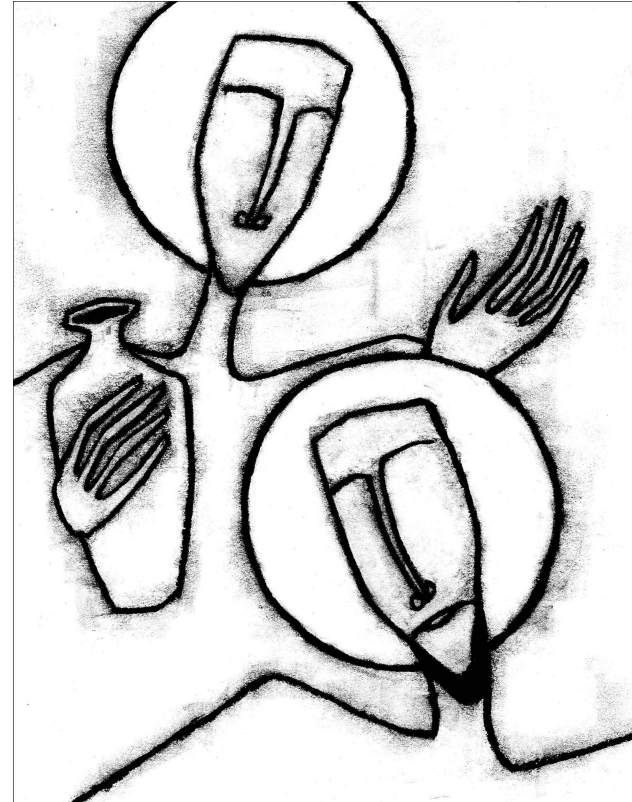
*Hearing devices are available from an usher or the sound booth.*

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Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,  
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ where I lay, Christ where I sit,  
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.

*-Prayer of St. Patrick*



**Sunday, March 17, 2013**

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Greeters: Anita & Stan Bohn, Connie & Kevin Regier  
Musicians: Martha Unruh Szambecki, Yvonne Bontrager  
Visual Arts: Hanna Eastin  
Sound System Operator/Closing: Brett Prothro  
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Pastor: Eric Massanari  
Pastor: Sara Dick  
Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger  
Church Moderator: Matt Schmidt

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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.

9:30 a.m.- Sunday School    10:45 a.m.- Worship  
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