

Shalom Mennonite Church

Holy Humor Sunday

Second Sunday of Easter

March 31, 2013

We continue to joyfully celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. With laughter and good humor we give thanks for the promise of eternal life and enduring love. In this we find hope for our living today!

Responding to the Word

Sending Blessing

Don Woodward

Leader: O God, from the fullness of our lives
you have sent us to gather in this place.

**ALL: Sometimes we don't know which way is up,
or whether we're coming or going.
Ground us in good humor!
Refresh us with laughter!
Help us to not take ourselves too seriously,
and to leave our fussing at the door!
AMEN!**

Sending Hymn HWB 1281÷3

You shall go out with joy

Prayers of the People

Sharing our Joy

During this time you are invited to share jokes or brief humorous stories. If the joke or story does not elicit laughter, however, you may be asked to sing HWB 118 as a solo or mime the first chapter of Leviticus.

Offertory & Prayer

Proclaiming the Word

Hymn STJ 99+16

Yonder come day

Quiet Reflection (A time to ponder why the word “yonder” has fallen into disuse)

Meditation *Exegetical musings on ecclesiological implications of Christological revivification (or, “We usually don't understand as much as we think we do”)*

Quiet Reflection

Scripture Reading *Psalm 150* (adaptation by Stephen Mitchell)

Hymn STJ 9²+14

I want to walk as a child of the light

Adult's Time

Gathering in God's Presence

Hymn STJ 44+44

Hallelujah! We sing your praises!

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship

Leader: We came to serve,
we go now to worship.

**ALL: By the power of God's Love
may our worship and work be one.**

Gathering Music & Procession

The “Shalom Potluck Song”

(To the tune of “The Shalom Song,” which is to the tune of “Dona Nobis Pacem,” which means “Grant us peace,” which is not the meaning of the words you are about to sing. Well, maybe a bit, since good potluck food creates peace!)

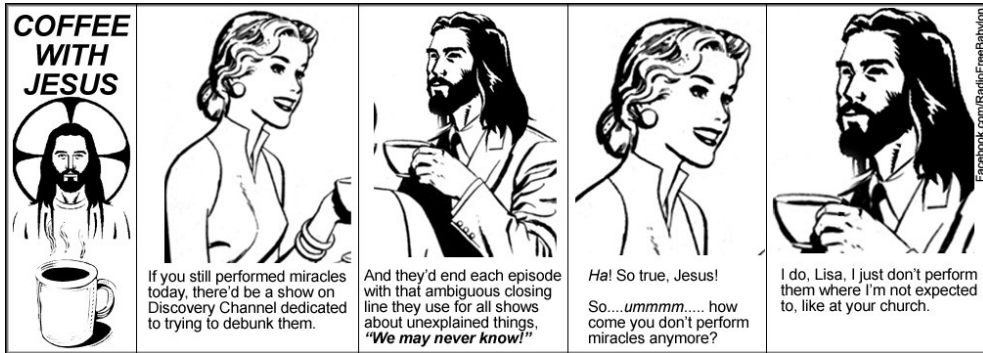
***Hominy, gluten-free, rabbit, and zweiback,
pizza and curried lentils,
All are Shalom!***

Welcome and Announcements

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

*Angels can fly
because they take themselves lightly.*

G.K. Chesterton



Sunday, April 7, 2013

Worship Leader: Don Woodward (yep, he's on for music, too. Someone needs to talk with this guy about having too many irons in the fire!)

Greeters: David & Mary Duerksen, Ed Duerksen, Chuck & Cindy Regier

Musicians: The Woodward Family and Yvonne Bontrager

Sound system operator & closing: John Thiesen
