

Shalom Mennonite Church

March 31, 2013

Easter Sunday: It is the Lord's Doing!

Gathering in God's Presence

The Story of Easter Morning John 20:1-18 Sara Dick
Response Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!

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

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever!
The Lord is our strength and our salvation.
God's steadfast love endures forever!
The stone the builders rejected has become
the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Prayer of Invocation

Gathering Hymn HWB 280 *Christ the Lord is risen today*

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time Andrea Yoder Graber

Hymn HWB 276 *This joyful Eastertide*

Reading Isaiah 65:17-25

Quiet Reflection

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

Hymn HWB 137

Forgive our sins as we forgive

Meditation “passage”

Eric Massanari

Quiet Reflection

Easter Anointing

During this time all are invited to come forward to receive an anointing of water as a sign of God's resurrecting love rising through our lives this day.

Affirmation of Faith HWB 711

Hymn HWB 105

Christ, we do all adore thee

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 HWB 275

Lift your glad voices

Benediction

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

Greeters: Melanie Zuercher & Senior High youth
Musicians: Greta Hiebert, Anita Bohn, Melanie Zuercher, Jon Unruh,
the Woodward Family
Visual Arts: Hanna Eastin
Sound system operator & closing: David Kaufman

Pastor: Eric Massanari
Pastor: Sara Dick
Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger
Church Moderator: Matt Schmidt

This Is the Lord's Doing!

*Join us in this vigil
and you will know what it is to dream!
Then you will know how marvelous it is
to live threatened with Resurrection!*

*To dream awake,
to keep watch asleep,
to live while dying,
and to know ourselves already resurrected!*

Julia Esquivel
from "They Have Threatened Us with Resurrection"



Image: The Poul nabrone Dolmen, County Clare, Ireland
Photograph by: Yolanda Kauffman

Poul nabrone means "the hole in the mill stones." This ancient megalith, thought to have been built in the Neolithic period (between 4200 BC and 2900 BC), is one of many passage tombs that can be found throughout Ireland. This particular passage tomb is found in County Clare, in a region of open, rocky hillsides called The Burren. The twelve-foot limestone slab on top is supported by six-foot high vertical stones. Excavations of the site in the mid-1980s revealed the remains of at least 16 adults and 6 children buried there. It was likely a place of ceremony and ritual well into the Celtic period.



Easter Sunday **Sunday, March 31, 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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