

Shalom Mennonite Church

July 14, 2013

Citizens of God's Kingdom: Healed in Hope *Ciudadanos del Reino de Dios:* *Sanados por la Esperanza*

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

Ephesians 2:19-20

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Announcements

Tim Huber

Gathering Music and 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 HWB 815

Psalm 24:1-10

Hymn STJ 4

You've got a place at the welcome table

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

Joe Smucker

First Reading

Philippians 3:17-21

Hymn STJ 32

If you believe and I believe

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-5

Quiet Reflection

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

Meditation

Melanie Zuercher

Third Reading

Ephesians 2:14-22

Conference Reflections

Toby Tyner, Kendra Neufeld, Paul Fransen

Quiet Reflection

Hymn of Response STJ 54

Longing for light

Responding to the Word

Offering and Prayer

Sharing Time and 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

Sara Dick

Sending Song HWB 226

You are salt for the earth

Benediction

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

Explanation of the Convention Theme

by Ervin Stutzman, Mennonite Church USA Executive Director

We are praying that our convention in Phoenix will be a time of renewal and re-commitment to God's reign in the world.

This week we will have an opportunity to grasp a new vision of the depth and breadth of God's Kingdom, God's preferred future for the whole created order. We will come to comprehend the profound implications of the claim that "the earth is the Lord's and everything in it.

We will hear the call to live as citizens of God's kingdom, pledging our allegiance to God above all other claims to our loyalty, including the nation in which we live.

We will be invited to acknowledge the ways that we have yielded to the temptations of this present world, and to turn away from the destructive effect of our misplaced allegiances.

We will hear assurances of God's healing grace, love and forgiveness as we seek to align ourselves with God's restorative purposes in the world.

We will be sent into the world, empowered by God's Spirit to be signs and instruments of God's salvation, justice and peace.

Greeters: Bob & Yvonne Bontrager, Lola Schmidt,
Marlene & Stan Smucker

Musicians: Martha Unruh Szambecki, Mark Schmidt Andres

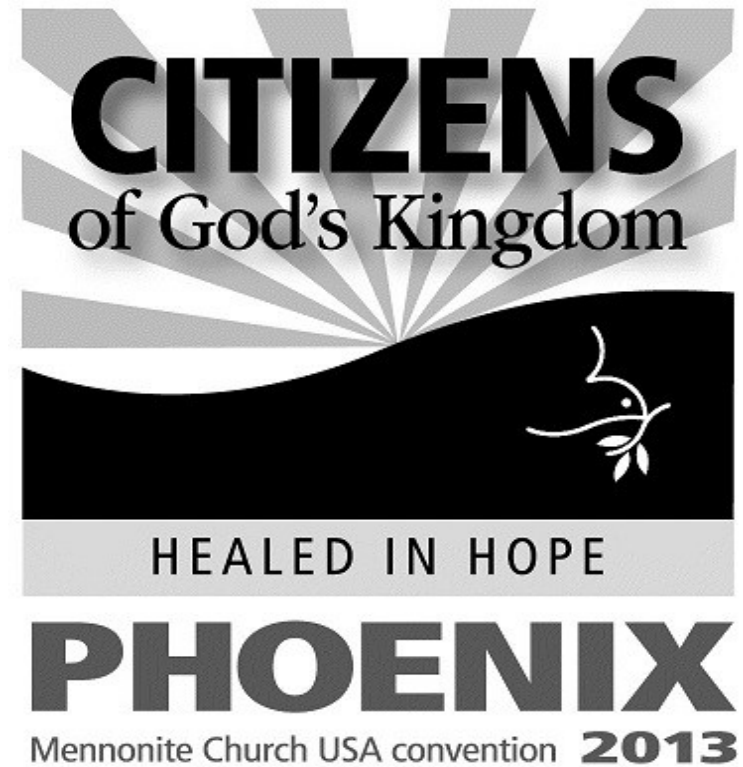
Visual Arts: Marlene Smucker

Sound & Closing: Phil Graber

Pastors: Eric Massanari, Sara Dick

Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger

Church Moderator: Matt Schmidt



Sunday, July 14, 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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