

Shalom Mennonite Church

July 28, 2013

Ask, Search, Knock

“So I say to you, ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.”

- Luke 11:9-10

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome & Special Announcements

Matt Schmidt

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

Psalms 85:4, 8-13, from the *Grail Translation*

Response: Revive us now, God, our helper!

Opening song HWB 6

Here in this place

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

Yolanda Kauffman & Noah & Eric Massanari

Gospel Reading

Luke 11:1-13

Hymn HWB 506

I sought the Lord

Quiet Reflection

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

Meditation

Sara Dick

Quiet Reflection

Responding to the Word

Offertory & Prayer

Reflections on Eric's ministry with us: Joe Smucker, Sharon Penner, Clarence Rempel, Yolanda Kauffman, Eric Massanari

Litany of leave-taking (see insert)

Hymn of Response HWB 464

Let the hungry come to me

Prayers of the People

Celebration of Communion

Sending Song HWB 545

Be thou my vision

Benediction

Eric Massanari

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

Greeters: Brett & Marathana Prothro, Dick & Mary Rempel, Kristen Mayhue

Musicians: Shalom Band, Greg Nickel

Visual Arts: Doris Weber

Sound & Closing: Jeffrey Graber

Communion servers: Eric Massanari, Christine Crouse-Dick, Sue Graber, Cindy

Regier, Merle Schlabaugh, John Thiesen, Sara Dick

Bread baker: Mary Rempel

Bulletin cover art: Yolanda Kauffman

Pastors: Eric Massanari, Sara Dick

Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger

Church Moderator: Matt Schmidt

This Path

*From circumference to center
from center to circumference
we walk this path together
pilgrims all.*

*Traveling level ground—
none rise above
none fall below—
we make room for meeting.*

Presence greeting Presence

*Moving alone together
we greet and part, turn,
then circle round
and meet anew.*

*Pilgrims all
we walk this path together
from center to circumference
from circumference to center.*

- Eric Massanari

*Composed during a group labyrinth prayer walk
at the 2013 Shalom catechism retreat.*

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Sunday, July 28, 2013