

Shalom Mennonite Church

September 15, 2013

Change Your Mind

*And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster
that he planned to bring on his people.*

-Exodus 32:14

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome & Special Announcements

Becky Kindy

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

Opening song HWB 70

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

Marathana Prothro

First Reading

Exodus 32:7-14

Hymn HWB 138

Let God, who called the worlds

Second Reading

Psalm 51:1-10

Quiet Reflection

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

Meditation

Sara Dick

Quiet Reflection

Hymn of Response STJ 23

Slowly turning, ever turning

Responding to the Word

Offertory & 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

Sending Song HWB 545

Be thou my vision

Benediction

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

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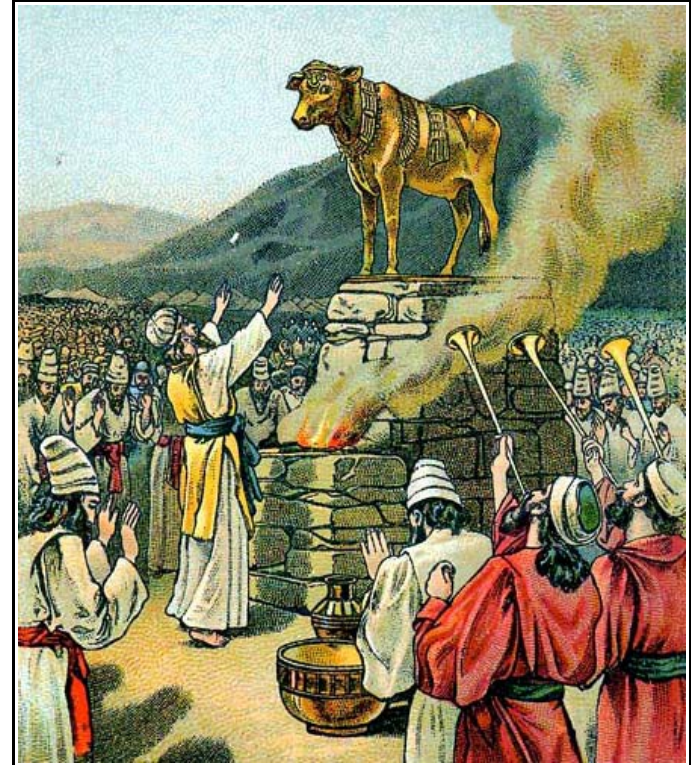
When the heart is touched by direct experience, the mind may be challenged to change. Personal involvement with innocent suffering, with the injustice others suffer, is the catalyst for solidarity, which then gives rise to intellectual inquiry and moral reflection.

-Peter-Hans Kolvenback, S.J.

Prayer is a very dangerous business. For all the benefits it offers of growing closer to God, it carries with it one great element of risk: the possibility of change. . . .

Don't we know for a fact that people who begin by "just praying"—with no particular aim in mind—wind up trudging off to missionary lands, entering monasteries, taking part in demonstrations, dedicating themselves to the poor and sick? To avoid this, sometimes we excuse ourselves from prayer by doing good works on a carefully controlled schedule.

-*Clinging: The Experience of Prayer* by Emilie Griffin



Sunday, September 15, 2013

Greeters: Anita & Stan Bohn, Connie & Kevin Regier
Musicians: Greta Hiebert, Mark Schmidt Andres
Visual Arts: Joanna Fenton Friesen
Sound and Closing: Brett Prothro
Cover Image: Worshiping the golden calf, as in Exodus 32:1-35,
illustration from a Bible card published 1901 by the Providence
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Pastor: Sara Dick
Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger
Church Moderator: Matt Schmidt

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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