

# Shalom Mennonite Church

October 27, 2013

## *The Truth Makes Free*

*To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

-John 8:31-32

### Gathering in God's Presence

#### Welcome & Special Announcements

Marv Zehr

#### Gathering Music and Procession

"Glory and Honor"

*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

**ALL:** *Giver of song,  
we give thanks for songs that surround us in the dark of night,  
and for songs that waken us when morning breaks.*

Leader: Give a song to all who need the comfort and reassurance of your presence: those in trouble or in pain,  
those overwhelmed by the demands of work,  
those struggling with addictions,  
and those whose past destroys their peace.

**ALL:** *Giver of song,  
sing through us  
and bring your world to joy and rest. AMEN*

#### Opening song HWB #44

*When in our music God is glorified*

### Proclaiming the Word

#### Children's Time

Beth Burns

#### Gospel Reading

John 8:25-32

#### Hymn STJ #99

*You walk along our shoreline*

#### Quiet Reflection

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

#### Meditation

Dr. James Harder, Bluffton University President

#### Quiet Reflection

#### Hymn of Response STJ# 13

*My soul is filled with joy*

### Responding to the Word

#### Offertory & Prayer

"Shine the Light"

#### 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

#### Choral Response

"Hear our Prayer, O Lord"

#### Sending Song HWB# 401

*This little light of mine*

#### Benediction

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

Being the Beloved is the origin and the fulfillment of the life of the Spirit. I say this because, as soon as we catch a glimpse of this truth, we are put on a journey in search of the fullness of that truth and we will not rest until we can rest in that truth. From the moment we claim the truth of being the Beloved, we are faced with the call to become who we are. Becoming the Beloved is the great spiritual journey we have to make.

*-Life of the Beloved by Henri J. M. Nouwen*

Whenever any church stops believing in its own gospel, God has to come in through the air ducts. God has to find a shrouded identity, code words to say the same thing, new ways to open the human heart, and catch people with the truth when their guard is down.

*-Richard Rohr from the Center for Action and Contemplation*

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Sunday, October 27, 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.

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

Musicians: Bluffton University Gospel Choir, Dr. Crystal Y. Sellers Battle, director; Anita Bohn, Karen Schlabaugh

Visual Arts: Becky Kindy

Sound and Closing: Phil Graber

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Pastors: Rob Burdette, Sara Dick

Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger

Church Moderator: Matt Schmidt

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9:30 a.m.- Sunday School    10:45 a.m.- Worship  
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