## **Shalom Mennonite Church**

**November 24, 2013** 

## Reign of Christ

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; Isaiah 43:1b

## **Gathering in God's Presence**

#### **Welcome & Special Announcements**

Sara Dick

#### **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 (based on Psalm 46)

The earth shakes, the mountains quake — tempting our hearts to fear.

#### God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Storms rage, winds swirl-destroying schools, hospitals, homes.

## Still, God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Violence comes to light in our communities and violence continues around the world–causing us to wonder if our prayers for peace are futile.

## Yet God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

For those mourning and rebuilding after the storms,

## God is their refuge.

For those living in fear of their neighbors,

## God is their strength.

For those dreading the hiss of a drone-fired missile,

### God is present.

For the distraught and displaced and dismembered in Syria, Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere,

#### God is a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear.

Therefore, we will lay down our weapons and worship our God.

(Joanna. CC blog)

### **Gathering Hymn HWB 94**

Come, ye thankful people

## **Proclaiming the Word**

**Epistle Reading** Colossians 1:11-20

Children's Time Carol Sue Hobbs

Hymn HWB 343 My hope is built on nothing less

Gospel Reading Luke 23: 33-43

#### **Ouiet Reflection**

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

**Meditation** "No retreat, no surrender." Rob Burdette

**Quiet Reflection** 

Hymn of Response HWB 579

Lift every voice and sing

## **Responding to the Word**

### **Offertory 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** 

**Sending Song STJ 71**Alleluia, the Great Storm is over

**Benediction** 

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

# Reign of Christ

In his novel, *Ah But Your Land Is Beautiful*, South African writer Alan Paton describes the courage a young black South African displays by becoming involved in the social and political struggle against apartheid. He is well aware of the risk he takes and the possible wounds that might be inflicted on him, but he says: "I don't worry about the wounds. When I go up there, which is my intention, the Big Judge will say to me, 'Where are your wounds?' And if I say I haven't any, he will say, 'Was there nothing to fight for?' I couldn't face that question."

From Clemens Sedmack....Doing Local Theology

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

Musicians: Karen & Merle Schlabaugh Sound and Closing: David Kaufman

Bulletin cover: Monument to Christ the King, Santiago de Cali,

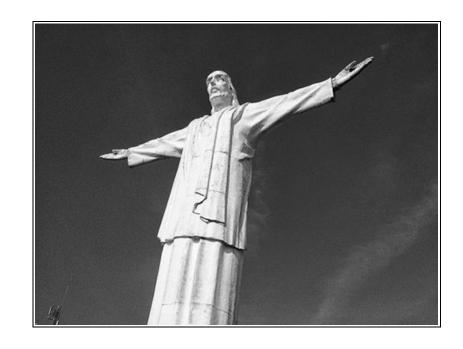
Columbia.

Pastor: Sara Dick

Transitional Pastor: Rob Burdette

Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger

Church Moderator: Matt Schmidt



Sunday, November 24, 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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