

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

Quiet 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.

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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*



Sunday, November 24, 2013

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

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 am - Sunday School 10:45 am - Worship
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