

Shalom Mennonite Church

November 3, 2013

All Saints Worship

*“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.
Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.”*
-Luke 6:21

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome & Special Announcements

Tim Huber

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 (adapted from STJ 133)

O God, who called all life into being,
the earth, sea and sky are yours; women and men are yours.
Your presence is all around us;
every atom is full of energy, every face reflecting your own.
Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth;
with her we yearn for justice to be done,
for creation to be freed from bondage,
for the hungry to be fed,
for captives to be released,
for each person you've created to be valued and cherished,
for right relationships between all of your children,
for your kingdom of peace to come among us. Amen.

Opening song HWB 615

Shall we gather at the river

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

Shari Thiessen

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:20-31

Hymn

Quiet Reflection

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

Espistle Reading

Ephesians 1:11-23

Meditation

Blessed Absence

Sara Dick

Time of Remembrance

*During this time you are invited to come forward to light a candle
in memory of beloved ones who have died. If you have brought
photographs or other mementos, please feel free to share these on
the communion table.*

Quiet Reflection

Hymn of Response “When the saints”

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 “Shalom song”

Benediction

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

All Saints Worship

To be a saint is to live not with hands clenched to grasp, to strike, to hold tight to a life that is always slipping away the more tightly we hold it; but it is to live with the hands stretched out both to give and to receive with gladness. To be a saint is to work and weep for the broken and suffering of the world, but it is also to be strangely light of heart in the knowledge that there is something greater than the world that mends and renews.

-Frederick Buechner, *Now and Then*

In truth, all human beings are called to be saints, but that just means called to be fully human, to be perfect---that is, whole, mature, fulfilled. The saints are simply those men and women who relish the event of life as a gift and who realize that the only way to honor such a gift is to give it away.

-William Stringfellow in *Simpler Living, Compassionate Life*, edited and compiled by Michael Schut



Sunday, November 3, 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.

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