

Shalom Mennonite Church

February 2, 2014

The origin of God's church

*...God chose us in Christ
before the foundation of the world...*

Ephesians 1:3

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome & Special Announcements

Gerry Epp

Gathering Music & 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 147)

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving.

Make music upon the harp.

How good it is to celebrate God's presence
and sing praise throughout each day!

How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God!

Our God rebuilds the people of earth.

The wandering ones are gathered together,

the brokenhearted are healed,

the hungry are fed,

the prisoners are freed,

the blind are given sight, the lonely are befriended.

How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God!

All of nature sings aloud God's goodness—
clouds, rain, grass, creatures great and small.

Our God creates and sustains our world
with his ever-growing, never-ending love.

How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God!

Grace and peace be yours in abundance
through the knowledge of God and of Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

Rev. Donald Jansma, in *Service of Thanksgiving*

Opening Song STJ 1

We sing to you, O God

Proclaiming the Word

First Reading

John 1: 14-18

Children's Time

Sue Ann Jantz

Hymn HWB 524

What mercy and divine compassion

Epistle reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

Quiet Reflection

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

Meditation

“Just who is acceptable to God?”

Rob Burdette

Quiet Reflection

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response HWB 150

Wonderful grace of Jesus

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 108

Give thanks for life

Benediction

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

The secret is out! In Christ, God is gathering up all things. God's mercy and and grace not only extend forgiveness to sinners. The Creator has also taken the initiative to mend broken humanity by removing enmity and re-creating humanity anew in Christ. This reclaimed human community is immediately drawn into the process of peacemaking: it has become a new home for insiders and outsiders, for humanity and God. But it is also summoned and empowered to take up the divine struggle against the powers of evil that still thwart the full realization of God's peace, and to do so in the trenches of everyday life.

- Thomas R. Yoder Neufield

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Sunday, February 2, 2014

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.

Greeters: David & Mary Duerksen, Chuck & Cindy Regier
Musicians: Anita Bohn, Martha Unruh Szambecki
Visual Arts: Joanna Fenton Friesen
Sound and Closing: Brett Prothro

Pastor: Sara Dick
Transitional Pastor: Rob Burdette
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Church Moderator: Matt Schmidt

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