

Shalom Mennonite Church

January 26, 2014

Third Sunday of Epiphany

A New Direction

He will make glorious the way of the sea,
the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

Isaiah 9: 16

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome & Special Announcements

Joe Smucker

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

God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

**God is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble,
and our hope and joy on the days of celebration!**

Day after day, we seek God's face and the assurance of
God's holy love:

**O God, do not turn from us or hide your face from us!
Be our guide and our light instead!**

One thing we ask of God:

**That we may live in God's dwelling place all the days of our life,
and never cease to behold the beauty of God's home.**

Beloved of God, enter this worship in thanksgiving,
for God is among and within us!

Thanks be to God!

- written by Rev. Elizabeth Dilley

Prayer of Invocation

Opening song HWB 178

Come, though long-expected Jesus

Proclaiming the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 9: 1-4

Children's Time

Tim Huber

Epistle reading

1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

Hymn HWB 491

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling

Gospel reading

Matthew 4: 12-17

Quiet Reflection

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

Meditation

“Where do you intend to end up?”

Rob Burdette

Quiet Reflection

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response STJ 95

I want to walk as a child of the light

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 97

The Lord is my light

Benediction

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

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John Buchanan, 21st century:

“[T]he world and the church are changing more rapidly than we can comprehend...some things are the same: the world and the church desperately need [our] energy, imagination, passion, impatience, intelligence and love...one of the great biblical themes is that God calls...all of us to walk into the future without knowing exactly where we are headed, to let go of old securities and certainties and trust the God who promises to be with us wherever we go.”



Sunday, January 26, 2014

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

Musicians: Greg Nickel, Karen Schlabaugh

Visual Arts: Joanna Fenton Friesen

Sound and Closing: Greg Nickel

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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