

# Shalom Mennonite Church

February 9, 2014

## ***Ephesians 2: One new humanity: The building of the church***

*For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.....that he might create in himself one new humanity... Ephesians 2:14-15*

### Gathering in God's Presence

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

Patty Burdette

#### **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 107:1-9)**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,  
those he redeemed from trouble  
and gathered in from the lands.**

Some wandered in desert wastes,  
finding no way to an inhabited town;  
hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

**Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.**

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love  
and for his wonderful works.  
He satisfies the thirsty,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.

***Let those who are wise give heed to these things,  
and consider the steadfast love of the Lord! \****

#### **Opening song HWB 1**

*What is this place?*

### Proclaiming the Word

#### **First Reading**

Ephesians 2:1-10

#### **Children's Time**

#### **Hymn HWB 140**

*Open, Lord, my inward ear*

#### **Epistle reading**

Ephesians 2: 11-22

#### **Quiet Reflection**

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

#### **Meditation**

“Don't take any of this for granted”

Rob Burdette

#### **Quiet Reflection**

### Responding to the Word

#### **Hymn of Response STJ 71**

*Alleluia, the Great Storm is over*

#### **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 HWB 142**

*Brothers and sisters of mine*

#### **Benediction**

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

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Posted on *A Psalm and a Prayer* website.

“The final phrase in this hymnic section captures succinctly the central dramatic moment in the drama of peace: the killing of what Ched Myers calls ‘the central antagonist in the Ephesian drama of redemption’ – *enmity* (Myers: 18). Enmity is murdered, ironically, by Christ giving *his own* life on the cross.

Thomas R. Yoder Neufeld

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Greeters: Bob & Yvonne Bontrager, Marlene & Stan Smucker  
Musicians: Mark Schmidt Andres, Josue Coy Dick, Rachel Epp Buller  
Visual Arts: Joanna Fenton Friesen  
Sound and Closing: John Thiesen

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Pastor: Sara Dick  
Transitional Pastor: Rob Burdette  
Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger  
Church Moderator: Matt Schmidt

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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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