

# Shalom Mennonite Church

March 2, 2014

## *Ephesians 6: Standing in Christ* *The church's warfare*

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.*  
Ephesians 6:10

### Gathering in God's Presence

#### Welcome & Special Announcements

Ron Flaming

#### 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

Leader: The work of the Creator is visible.

**All: Let us respond with praise.**

Leader: The example of Jesus is apparent.

**All: Let us respond with obedience.**

Leader: The wind of the Spirit is blowing

**All: Let us respond with joy.**

Leader: The word of God is calling.

**All: Let us worship in spirit and in truth.**

Taken from *Be Our Freedom, Lord*, prepared and edited by Terry C. Falla

#### Prayer of Invocation

#### Opening song HWB 37

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

### Proclaiming the Word

#### First Reading

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

#### Children's Time

Patty Burdette

#### Hymn HWB 534

*Prince of peace, control my will*

#### Second Reading

John 6:56-69

#### Quiet Reflection

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

#### Sermon

“Standing!”

Rob Burdette

#### Quiet Reflection

### Responding to the Word

#### Hymn of Response HWB 407

*We are people of God's peace*

#### 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 433

*Go, my children*

#### Benediction

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

When it comes to Christian preaching, then, sermons should protect people with words. In intimate, visceral, vivid ways, preachers should name and contradict the disarming lies and then replace them with equally intimate, wondrous and wearable forms of truth. Sermons should stir us to stand firm against death-dealing forces wherever we find them.

From *The power of poetic preaching* by Elizabeth Myer Boulton and Matthew Myer Boulton, August 27, 2012

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Sunday, March 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.

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Greeters: David & Mary Duerksen, Chuck & Cindy Regier  
Musicians: Anita Bohn, Greta Hiebert  
Visual Arts: Twila Schrock  
Sound & Closing: John Thiesen

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Pastor: Sara Dick  
Transitional Pastor: Rob Burdette  
Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger  
Church Moderator: Barth Hague

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9:30 am - Sunday School    10:45 am - Worship  
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