

Shalom Mennonite Church

March 30, 2014

Lent 4 ***Encountering God: What have we witnessed . . . through anointing?***

You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes.

John 9:30b

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome & Special Announcements

Melanie Zuercher

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, our gentle shepherd, you have chosen us by name.

Lead us, your children, by the still waters.

God, our gentle shepherd, your rod and staff bring comfort.

Guide us, your people, through the darkest valleys.

God, our gentle shepherd, you have prepared a great table.

Restore us, your church, with goodness and mercy.

Invocation

Opening Hymn HWB 170

The King of love my shepherd is

Proclaiming the Word

Old Testament Scripture

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Confessing our sin, claiming our assurance (see insert)

Drama

Children's Story

Kendra Neufeld

Hymn HWB 517

Open my eyes, that I may see

Sermon Scripture

John 9: 24-41

Testimony

Vernon Lohrentz

Quiet Reflection

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

Message

“What do you say about Jesus”

Rob Burdette

Quiet reflection

Responding to the Word

Hymn of response HWB 377

Healer of our every ill

Offertory and Prayer

Prayers of the People

Sending Song STJ 95

I want to walk as a child of the light

Benediction

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

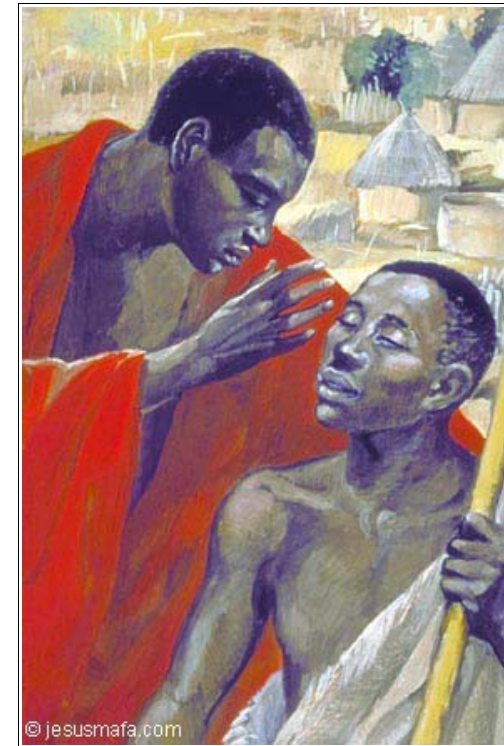
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Jesus proclaims the diversity that unites, to Nicodemus, the woman at the well, the man born blind, Lazarus in his grave. In all these stories Jesus confronts deep prejudices with loving action. Jesus does not try to walk a middle ground, or to move slowly enough to bring the reluctant along, nor does he consent to argue the fine points of the law about Sabbath work or bodily virtue. He confronts. It is time to change the public outlook . . .

Nancy Rockwell's blog, 3/22/2014

Lent Banner in the sanctuary: God is encountered through anointing of mud and oil. The banner shows the water of life (green) having soaked through the dried earth (yellow) creating the mud (blue) from which life bursts in those moments of encounter through anointing and the new growth that happens when we respond to God's call.



Sunday, March 30, 2014

Greeters: Senior High Youth, Melanie Zuercher
Musicians: Karen & Merle Schlabaugh
Drama: Barb Goering & Joe Smucker, Marlene & Stan Smucker
Visual Arts: Marla Sawatzky Rowe
Sound & Closing: Jeffrey Graber
Bulletin Cover: Vie de Jesus MAFA Google Images

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

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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