

Shalom Mennonite Church

June 8, 2014

Pentecost Sunday

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:1,4

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome & Special Announcements

Bob Bontrager

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: HWB 669

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Hymn HWB 89

For the beauty of the earth

Proclaiming the Word

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 31:7-8

Hymn STJ 63

Lord, you give the great commission

Children's Time

George Dyck

New Testament Scripture

Matthew 28:18-20

Quiet Reflection

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

Message

“Mission and Altar Calls”

Barry Bartel

Quiet Reflection

Responding to the Word

Hymn of response HWB 395

Here I am, Lord

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 76

The Lord bless you and keep you

Benediction

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

Pentecost – Part of our Judeo-Christian Heritage

The Feast of Weeks is the second of three major Jewish festivals – the other two are Passover and the Feast of the Tabernacles – which was to be observed seven weeks from the second day of Passover (Pentecost is Greek for 50 days). The Feast of Weeks was observed after the people of Israel settled in the Promised Land. The people would gather in the tabernacle to thank God for the harvest, and the first fruits of the harvest were offered to the Lord.

Acts 2 records the descent of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost after the resurrection of Christ. The custom required all the males to travel to Jerusalem and gather at the temple. While gathering at the temple, the disciples were dramatically filled with the Holy Spirit. Then Peter stood up to address the crowd. On that day, 3,000 accepted his message and became believers. That was probably the largest group of people accepting Christ in one meeting in the history of mankind.

About our speaker today:

Barry Bartel is from Golden, Colorado, attends Glennon Heights Mennonite Church in Lakewood, and works as an attorney. Barry grew up in eastern Colorado and graduated from Bethel College in 1984 with majors in Mathematics, Bible and Religion, and Peace Studies. He earned a JD and a Certificate in Dispute Resolution from Willamette University College of Law in 1991, and has practiced law for more than 10 years. Barry and Brenda have two adult children.

Barry and his wife, Brenda, served with MCC in Haiti from 1985-1988 and in Bolivia from 1998-2003. He served as president of Bethel College from 2006-2009. He has served in congregational and conference leadership positions in Oregon and Colorado, and on the board for an urban ministry group and a conflict center in Denver. He is a consultant and trainer in congregational settings and a member of the Dialogue Resource Team of Mountain States Mennonite Conference.

Barry wrote *Let's Talk: Communication Skills and Conflict Transformation*, a Scripture-based Sunday school curriculum written for high school youth and also used in adult settings.

Barry writes: "Interacting with mission groups as an MCC director in Bolivia strengthened my appreciation for the diversity of ways to hear God's voice. I am excited to be a part of discerning together with Mennonite Mission Network how best to be followers of Jesus Christ. I am guided by a lifelong commitment to the Mennonite Church and by a desire to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God."

Greeters: Bob & Yvonne Bontrager, Lola Schmidt, Marlene & Stan Smucker
Musicians: Martha Unruh Szambecki, Mark Schmidt Andres
Sound & Closing: Tim Buller

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

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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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