

Shalom Mennonite Church

August 10, 2014

Claiming Christ, loving all: Christian commitment in a pluralistic world

*Have we been together all this time, Philip,
but still you don't recognize me?*

John 14:9

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Special Announcements

Peter Eash-Scott

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.

Focus Statement: "The truth we claim in our faith is not in tension with an open and respectful dialogue with others we see differently than ourselves. Rather, our truth affirms the dignity of each person, their culture, and their convictions. Christ's message of love can only be seen in us if we are willing to make ourselves vulnerable."

Call to Worship

Leader: Our God, we gather to worship you,
the One who creates all things.

People: For the gift of creation, we give thanks.

Leader: We gather to worship you,
the One committed to us through a love that never ends.

People: For the gift of reconciliation, we give thanks.

Leader: We gather to worship you,
the One who continually seeks us by the Spirit.

People: For the gift of your presence, we give thanks.

Leader: We bring to you the offerings of our commitment--
thanks, praise, and awe are our gifts of love.

**ALL: We gather to worship you, Trinity of love:
God above us, God beside us, God beneath us;
the Beginning, the End, the Everlasting One. Amen.**

- Modified for the theme from HWB 670

Prayer

Opening Hymn HWB 367

For the healing of the nations

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading

Matthew 7:1-5

Scripture passages are read in English and Spanish to reflect the community within and around Shalom.

Children's Time

Melodie Hatch

Nursery care for young children is available after Children's Time till the end of the service.

Hymn HWB 389

Take my life

Scripture Reading

John 14:5-11

Quiet Reflection

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

Sermon

"Be Holy-Love Justice"

Rob Burdette

Quiet Reflection

Responding to the Word

Response

Phil Graber

Hymn HWB 411

I bind my heart this tide

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 413

Faith of the martyrs

Blessing

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

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... as Jesus himself may have experienced, ministry at its best is a two-way street, a mutual practice and process. For us in North America, the center of the center in the ongoing globalization process, this kind of ministry poses special challenges. To become truly “missional,” our faith communities will have to undergo a conversion to the margins. Many of us Christians need to shed our exclusivist ideology of chosenness to better attend to our deepest yearnings, limitations, and needs, as well as to the potential and resourcefulness of others. We bless and we are in turn blessed, sometimes the hard way, in spite of our blinders and shortcomings. Often we will unexpectedly find ourselves being ministered to. In fact, we cannot truly participate in other people's liberation and healing without allowing them to participate in our own liberation and healing.

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Greeters: Bob & Yvonne Bontrager, Lola Schmidt,
Marlene & Stan Smucker
Musicians: Mark Schmidt Andres, Lela Mae Sawatzky
Spanish Scripture: Zandra Sawatzky
Visual Arts: Marlene Smucker
Sound & Closing: Russ Neufeld
Bulletin Cover: *Jesus Christ*, 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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