

# Shalom Mennonite Church

August 3, 2014

## ***Covenant: A living, breathing thing***

### **Gathering in God's Presence**

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

Jeannie Zehr

#### **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:** Whatever we commit ourselves to in this life, there is a spiritual component to that commitment. It impacts us at the deepest levels, at a soul level.

#### **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 5**

*There is a place of quiet rest*

### **Proclaiming the Word**

#### **Scripture Reading**

Genesis 17:1-10, 15-16

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

Tom Szambecki

#### **Hymn HWB 362**

*Help us to help each other*

#### **Scripture Reading**

Jeremiah 31:33

#### **Quiet Reflection**

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

#### **Sermon**

“I hope you dance”

Rob Burdette

#### **Quiet reflection**

### **Responding to the Word**

#### **Response**

Beth Burns

#### **Hymn HWB 537**

*You are the God within life*

#### **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*

#### **Blessing**

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

## *Covenant: A living, breathing thing*

The initiative for the establishment of the covenant comes from God. Among the promises granted to Abraham and Sarah and their descendants, the divine affirmation “I will be their God” stands out. That is not a stipulation . . . but states the essence of the covenant itself.

Fred Craddock



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Greeters: Chuck & Cindy Regier, Amy & Matt Schmidt  
Musicians: Merle Schlabaugh, Don & Joan Schrock Woodward,  
Ardy Woodward and Chloe Woodward  
Visual Arts: Joanna Fenton Friesen  
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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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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