

Shalom Mennonite Church

September 14, 2014

The Wilderness of Potential

But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea...

Exodus 14:29a

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome & Special Announcements

Gerry Epp

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 (based on Psalm 114)

When Israel was delivered from Egypt
unbelievable things happened—
the sea fled, and the River Jordan turned back.

**The mountains seem to skip like rams,
and the hills to frolic like little lambs.**

What awesome power caused river and sea to change their course—
mountains and hills to jump and skip?

The whole earth was surely trembling in the presence of God.

Praise God who sets people free in unexpected ways
and sustains them through unexpected acts of grace.

— Moira Laidlaw, *Liturgies Online*

Prayer

Opening song HWB 264

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading

Exodus 14:10-18

Hymn HWB 164

When Israel was in Egypt's land

Children's Time

John Otto

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

Scripture Reading

Exodus 14:19-31

Quiet Reflection

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

Meditation

“Up against the wall”

Rob Burdette

Quiet Reflection

Responding to the Word

Hymn of response HWB 579

Lift every voice and sing

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 419

Lead on, O cloud of Presence

Blessing

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

The Wilderness of Potential

When I in Egypt still stuck fast,
And traveled calm broad paths of ease,
Then was I famed, a much-sought guest,
The world with me was quite at peace;
Enmeshed was I in Satan's gauze,
My life abomination was,
Right well I served the devil's cause.

Menno Simons, *Hymn of Discipleship*

*(Menno: 1063/ 1065) Janzen, Waldemar (2013-01-11).
Exodus (Believer's Church Bible Commentary) (p. 10).
Herald Press (VA). Kindle Edition.*



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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.

Greeters: Beth Burns, Lola Schmidt, Marlene & Stan Smucker
Musicians: Chris Dick, Greg Nickel
Visual Arts: Lela Mae Sawatzky
Sound & Closing: Jeff Graber

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

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