

# Shalom Mennonite Church

September 7, 2014

## *Shine: Living in God's Light*

*You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all in the house.*

*In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.*

*Matthew 5:14-16*

### Gathering in God's Presence

**Welcome & Special Announcements**

Jeffrey Graber

**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**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Opening song HWB 644**

*When morning gilds the skies*

### Proclaiming the Word

**First Reading**

Matthew 5:14-16

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

**Children's Time**

Andi Schmidt Andres

**Hymn HWB 156**

*All things bright and beautiful*

**Second Reading**

Isaiah 9:2 and Romans 12:2

**Quiet Reflection**

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

**Meditation**

“In Formation”

Sara Dick

**Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers and Youth Sponsors  
(see insert)**

**Quiet Reflection**

### Responding to the Word

**Hymn of Response STJ 54**

*Longing for light*

**Offertory and Prayer**

**Commissioning of Pastoral Search Committee (see insert)**

**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 322**

*For we are strangers no more*

**Benediction**

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

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.  
We are quite naturally impatient in everything  
to reach the end without delay.  
We should like to skip the intermediate stages.  
We are impatient of being on the way  
to something unknown, something new.  
And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by  
passing through some stages of instability—  
and that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you.  
Your ideas mature gradually—let them grow,  
Let them shape themselves, without undue haste.  
Don't try to force them on, as though you could be today,  
what time (that is to say, grace and circumstances acting  
on your own good will) will make of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit  
gradually forming within you will be.  
Give our Lord the benefit of believing  
that his hand is leading you,  
and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense  
and incomplete.

-Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ

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Greeters: David and Mary Duerksen, Chuck and Cindy Regier  
Musicians: Anita Bohn, Martha Unruh Szambecki  
Spanish scripture: Don Woodward  
Visual Arts: Lela Mae Sawatzky  
Sound & Closing: David Kaufman

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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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