

# Shalom Mennonite Church

October 12, 2014

## *The Coming Banquet*

*...The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy.*

*-Matthew 22:8b*

### Gathering in God's Presence

#### Welcome & Special Announcements

Joe Smucker

#### 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.*

#### Responsive Reading (based on Psalm 23)

The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.**

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**Even if I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me. Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

-Sandy Reimer [www.ucgainesville.org](http://www.ucgainesville.org)

#### Prayer of Invocation

#### Opening Song HWB 68

*O come, loud anthems let us sing*

### Proclaiming the Word

#### Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:1-10

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

#### Children's Time

Kendra Neufeld

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

#### Hymn HWB 498

*He comes to us as one unknown*

#### Prayer of Confession (insert)

#### Gospel Reading

Matthew 22: 1-14

#### Quiet Reflection

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

#### Meditation

“Let's Party”

Rob Burdette

#### Quiet Reflection

### Responding to the Word

#### Hymn of Response STJ 108

*Give thanks for life*

#### Offertory and Prayer

#### Mentor-Mentee Blessing

Sara Dick

#### 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*

#### Benediction

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

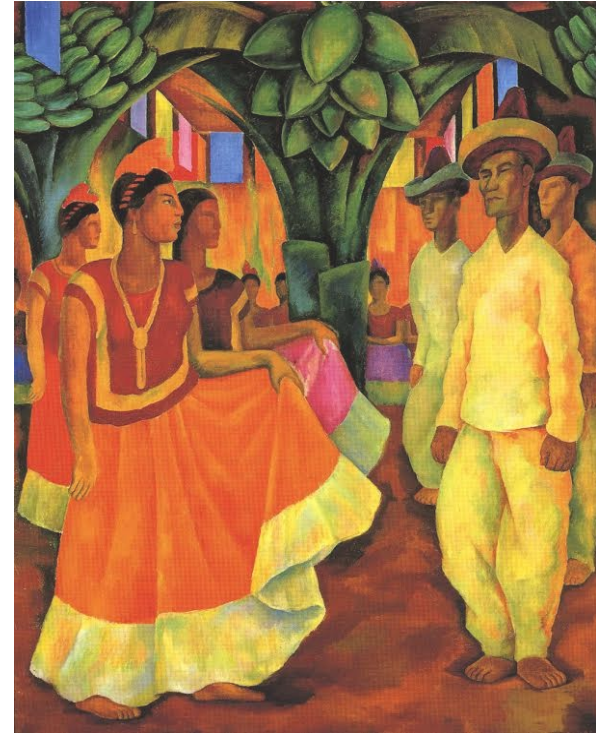
## *The Wedding Feast*

We know all are invited, but not all may stay!  
Only those who let themselves be transformed here  
those willing to become new people  
to “put on Christ”  
and become a “new creation”  
in the unimaginable patterns of the God of life-

Textured with struggle and joy,  
colored with passion and compassion,  
laced with faith, hope and love-

Wedding guests in living garments  
fully engaged in God's feast of life.

-Susan A. Blain



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Greeters: Beth Burns, Lola Schmidt, Marlene & Stan Smucker  
Musicians: Anita Bohn, Martha Unruh Szambecki  
Spanish Scripture: Juan F. Coy  
Visual Arts: Joanna Fenton Friesen  
Bulletin Cover: *Dance in Tehuantepec* by Diego Rivera  
Sound & Closing: Phil Graber

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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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