

Shalom Mennonite Church

October 19, 2014

Belief and Doubt

Then Jesus said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'

John 20:27

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome & Special Announcements

Rachel Eash-Scott

Gathering Music & Procession "I wonder as I wander" — J. J. Niles

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 (stand)

In the name of Jesus Christ, I welcome you to worship!

It is a delight to be together in the house of God!

We lift our voices with joyful hearts!

It is right to give God thanks and praise!

May the grace of God, the love of Jesus,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with us now in this hour and always.

Amen.

--Carol Penner

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Song HWB 46

I sing the mighty power of God

Proclaiming the Word

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-5, Ephesians 3:18-21

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

Children's Time

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

Hymn STJ 14

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song

Second Reading

John 20:24-29

Quiet Reflection

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

Meditation

"I wonder..."

Ken Hawkey

Quiet Reflection

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response HWB 414

God, who stretched

Offertory and Prayer

"My heart rejoices" — J. Brahms

God of abundance, accept the gifts we give this morning.

Accept our gifts of praise—

Our voices raised in song and prayer.

Accept our gifts of time and talent—

Our lives lived to further your reign of peace and justice.

Accept our gifts of money—

For all that we have, O most gracious God, comes from you.

Amen.

--Joanna Harader

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 548

Teach me thy truth

Benediction

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

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A winter ago I had an after-school seminar for high-school students and in one of the early sessions Una, a brilliant fifteen-year-old, a born writer who came to Harlem from Panama five years ago, and only then discovered the conflict between races, asked me out of the blue: “Mrs. Franklin, do you really and truly believe in God with no doubts at all?”

“Oh, Una, I really and truly believe in God with all kinds of doubts.”

But I base my life on this belief.

--Madeline L'Engle

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Greeters: Anita & Stan Bohn, Gary & Gloria Rediger,
Connie & Kevin Regier
Musicians: Anita Bohn, Greta Hiebert
Spanish Scripture: Zandra Sawatzky
Visual Arts: Joanna Fenton Friesen
Sound & Closing: Brett Prothro

Pastor: Sara Dick
Transitional Pastor: Rob Burdette
Children's Choir Director: Abigail Christensen
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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