

Shalom Mennonite Church

October 5, 2014

Beauty in Our Eyes

*One thing I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple.*

-Psalm 27:4

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome & Special Announcements Tim Huber & 5th, 6th & 7th graders

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 (Psalm 96:1-6)

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day
to day.**

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among
all the peoples.

**For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be
revered above all gods.**

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the
heavens.

**Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are
in his sanctuary.**

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Song HWB 47

Earth and all stars

Proclaiming the Word

Hebrew Bible Reading

Genesis 1, excerpts

Children's Time

Barb Goering

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

Hymn HWB 89

For the beauty of the earth

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:1-24, excerpts

Quiet Reflection

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

Meditation

“Beauty and the Beast”

Sara Dick

Beautiful Feast hosted by 5th, 6th & 7th graders

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response HWB 336

When peace, like a river

Offertory and Prayer

Presentation of Bibles to 2nd, 8th & 9th graders

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 430

God be with you

Benediction

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

Thirst

Another morning and I wake with thirst
for the goodness I do not have. I walk
out to the pond and all the way God has
given us such beautiful lessons. Oh Lord,
I was never a quick scholar but sulked
and hunched over my books past the hour
and the bell; grant me, in your mercy,
a little more time. Love for the earth
and love for you are having such a long
conversation in my heart. Who knows what
will finally happen or where I will be sent,
yet already I have given a great many things
away, expecting to be told to pack nothing,
except the prayers which, with this thirst,
I am slowly learning.

— Mary Oliver, *Thirst*



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Greeters: David & Mary Duerkson, Chuck & Cindy Regier
Musicians: Rachel Epp Buller, Debra Voth, Euny Kerbs, Merle
Schlabaugh, Sylvia Bartel
Visual Arts: Joanna Fenton Friesen
Bulletin Cover: Stained Glass Window from Christ Church, Pompton
Lakes, New Jersey
Sound & Closing: Russ Neufeld

Pastor: Sara Dick
Transitional Pastor: Rob Burdette
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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