

Shalom Mennonite Church

November 16, 2014

God's Entrusted Wealth

*For to all those who have, more will be given,
and they will have an abundance.*

Matthew 25:29a

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome & Special Announcements

Gregg Friesen

Gathering Music & Procession "Gigue" from Partita no. 1 — J.S. Bach

*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 HWB 819

Prayer

Opening Hymn HWB 328

O God, our help in ages past

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

Patty Burdette

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

Hymn HWB 479

Lord of our growing years

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sin to God and each other

**People: Merciful God, search our souls with your lamps. We
come to you this day confessing our greed and our pride.
Like the people of old, we too have grown complacent.
We fail to seek out your will and your ways of
righteousness. We too believe in our hearts that you are
distant doing neither good nor harm.**

**We rebel against your will;
we break your law
we fail to employ the talents you bestow
for the betterment of your creation.
We too choose to bury your gift of compassion
in a world longing for hope.
Lord God, hear our prayers of confession**

(time for silent prayer)

Assurance

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:10-30

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

Quiet Reflection

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

Sermon

"The lure of security"

Rob Burdette

Quiet reflection

Responding to the Word

Hymn of response HWB 603

Sometimes a light surprises

Offertory and Prayer "Largo" from Concerto in A minor — A. Vivaldi

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 STJ 44

The love of God

Benediction

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

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“Theologians talk about a prevenient grace that precedes grace itself and allows us to accept it. I think there must also be a prevenient courage that allows us to be brave – that is, to acknowledge that there is more beauty than our eyes can bear, that precious things have been put into our hands and to do nothing to honor them is to do great harm. And therefore, this courage allows us, as the old men said, to make ourselves useful. It allows us to be generous, which is another way of saying exactly the same thing.”

- Marilynne Robinson, *Gilead*, 21st century



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Greeters: Anita & Stan Bohn, Connie & Kevin Regier,
Gary & Gloria Rediger
Musicians: Mark Schmidt Andres, Josué Coy Dick (piano & violin),
Greta Hiebert
Visual Arts: Joanna Fenton Friesen
Spanish scripture: Daagya Dick and Juan Coy Teni
Sound & Closing: Russ Neufeld

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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