

# Shalom Mennonite Church

November 23, 2014

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

## Gathering in God's Presence

### Welcome & Special Announcements

Stan 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 HWB 821

### Prayer

### Opening Hymn HWB 42

*All People that on Earth*

## Proclaiming the Word

### Children's Time

Jeffrey Graber

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

### Hymn HWB 94

*Come, ye thankful people*

### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Eternal God,  
you set Jesus Christ to rule over all things  
and made us servants in your kingdom.  
We confess that we have not bowed before him  
and are slow to acknowledge his rule.  
We give allegiance to the powers of this world  
and fail to be governed by justice and love.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all,  
that we may be loyal ambassadors,  
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
(silent confessions)

### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Do not weep!

See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. With his blood he has purchased people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. He has made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

- [www.fpcspartanburg.org/worship/WorshipBulletins/2008/wb112308.pdf](http://www.fpcspartanburg.org/worship/WorshipBulletins/2008/wb112308.pdf)

### Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

*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

*And when was it?*

Michelle Armster

### Quiet Reflection

## Responding to the Word

### Hymn of response STJ 46

*O breathe on me, O breath of God*

### Offertory and Prayer

### 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 68

*O Come, loud anthems*

### Benediction

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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## *Reign of Christ the King*



Imagine a sermon that begins: “Blessed are you poor. Blessed are those of you who are hungry. Blessed are those of you who are unemployed. Blessed are those going through marital separation. Blessed are those who are terminally ill.”

“In God's kingdom, the poor are royalty, the sick are blessed. I was trying to get you to see something other than that which you have become accustomed.”

. . . We can only act within a world we can see. Vision is the necessary prerequisite for ethics.

- Stanley Hauerwas and William H. Willimon

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Greeters: Kristen Mayhue, Brett & Marathana Prothro,  
Dick & Mary Rempel  
Musicians: Karen & Merle Schlabaugh  
Visual Arts: Joanna Fenton Friesen  
Spanish scripture: Emily Kerbs  
Sound & Closing: Tim Buller  
Bulletin Cover: *Out of Work*, Kathe Kollwitz

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Pastor: Sara Dick  
Transitional Pastor: Rob Burdette  
Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger  
Church Moderator: Barth Hague

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