# **Shalom Mennonite Church**

**February 22, 2015** 

I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

Genesis 9:13

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

Prelude and Gathering in Silence

#### First Look

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Jeremy Kindy

Opening Hymn STJ 104

God moves in a mysterious way

Children's Time

Melodie Hatch

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

Children's Choir

I Never Touched a Rainbow by Ruth Artman

Scripture

Genesis 9:8-17

Call to Authenticity

Leader: If it were up to us, God, we'd do it differently.

Congregation: Everyone knows that the way to make a promise stick is to require each party to do some of the heavy lifting.

Leader: Yet with Noah, you put your bow in the clouds, offering all of creation something for nothing.

Congregation: That promise is hard for us to accept because it takes away our control.

Silence

Leader: Stick with us patiently,

Congregation: and grow in us the depth of trust our effort can't produce.

## **Upside Down and Inside Out**

Call to Grace (from Psalm 25)

The Lord is good and does the right thing; teaching sinners the way to go. All God's paths are steadfast love and faithfulness for those who listen to God's voice.

### Quiet Reflection

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

Sermon Rob Burdette

Quiet Reflection

Hymn of Response STJ 23

Slowly turning, ever turning

#### **Second Look**

Scripture

Genesis 9:8-17

Offering

#### Reflection/Sharing/Announcements

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 Hymn HWB 614

In the bulb there is a flower

#### Call to Commitment

Leader: God turns things upside down and inside out by keeping covenant forever with every living creature.

Congregation: God, even in our mistrust and wanting more, we will live in your promise and seek a deeper relationship with you.

Postlude

Hymn HWB 327

*Great is thy faithfulness* 

This is not a story about purification. In the Ark (an Egyptian word, *tebah*, meaning box, or coffin, or life preserver) Noah places all the unclean animals of the world, in close proximity, in prolonged intimacy, in utter dependency on one another. This is not a story about keeping clean. This is not an exercise in eugenics. This is not a biblical genocide. This is a salvation story, a tale of commitment to the opposite of genocide, commitment to preserving the diversity of life and all of life's messiness. And God is actively part of this commitment.

- "Lent – The Season of Good News" from http://biteintheapple.com/lent-the-season-of-good-news/

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Melodie Hatch, Jeremy Kindy, Marlene Smucker

Musicians: Mark Schmidt Andres, Sylvia Bartel, Euny Kerbs, Deb Voth,

Chris Dick, Shalom Children's Choir directed by Jill Siebert

Spanish Scripture Reader: Juan Coy Teni Visual Arts: Becky Kindy, Marlene Smucker

Sound & Closing: Tim Buller

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Pastor: Sara Dick

Transitional Pastor: Rob Burdette Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger Congregational Board Chair: Barth Hague

# **Shalom Mennonite Church**

Following Jesus, we risk love.



Upside down & inside out

Lent 1 One more time

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