

Shalom Mennonite Church

March 22, 2015

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. John 12:24-25 NRSV

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

Prelude and Contemplation

FIRST LOOK

Welcome and Opening Prayer Patty Burdette

Opening Hymn STJ 104 *God moves in a mysterious way, v. 5*
(sing twice)

Children's Time Melodie Hatch

Scripture (see insert) Jeremiah 31:31-34

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

Call to authenticity

Leader: Faithful God, we want to mature in faith.

Congregation: But what does that really mean?

And what will we have to give up?

Leader: We wonder what transformation requires of us,
our congregation, our denomination.

Congregation: We're afraid you'll ask too much.

Silence

Leader: We want to be your people.

**Congregation: Make us willing receivers of a covenant
knit right into the center of our being.**

Hymn HWB 483 *O God, who gives us life*

*Nursery care for young children is available at this time till
the end of the service.*

UPSIDE DOWN AND INSIDE OUT

Call to grace (from Psalm 51)

God wants truth in the most hidden places,
and teaches wisdom in the most secret space.
Creating for us clean hearts,
God puts a new, faithful spirit deep inside us!

Quiet Reflection

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

Sermon "Judicial Activism" Rob Burdette

Quiet Reflection

Hymn of Response HWB 138 *Let God, who called the worlds*

SECOND LOOK

Scripture (see insert) Jeremiah 31:31-34

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 420 *Heart with loving heart united*

Call to commitment

Leader: God turns things upside down and inside out,
writing a new way of being into our very DNA.

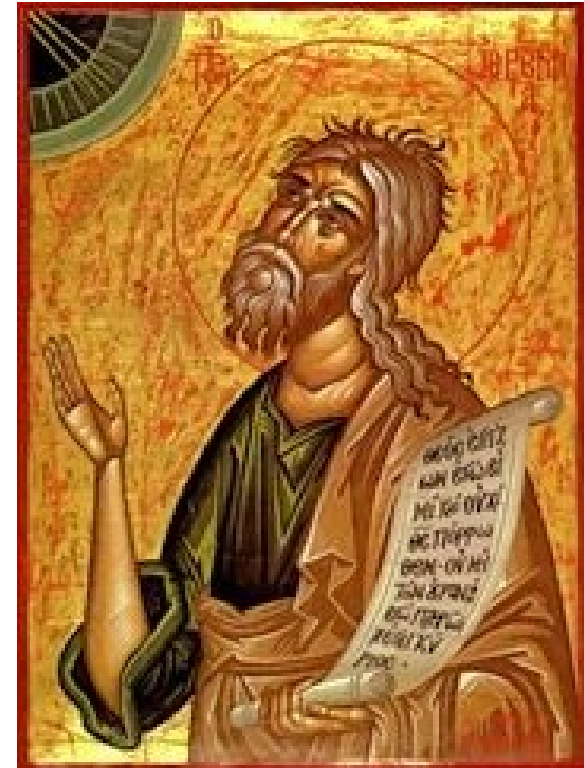
**Congregation: God, we will watch and wait
for your new thing to bear fruit
within and among us.**

A world of commodity is a world in which scores are kept, books are balanced, and nothing is ever forgotten. It is a world of despair, because we are locked in forever to old behavior. New possibility, however, can happen in that world only when there is forgiveness, when in an act of inexplicable generosity the vicious cycles of resentment and revenge are broken.

- Walter Brueggeman

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Following Jesus, we risk love.



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9:30 am - Sunday School 10:45 am – Worship

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Melodie Hatch, Jeremy Kindy, Marlene Smucker

Musicians: Yvonne Bontrager, Josué Coy Dick, Lela Mae Sawatzky

Spanish Scripture Reader: Julian Gonzalez-Salamanca

Visual Arts: Becky Kindy, Marlene Smucker

Sound & Closing: Jeff Graber

Pastor: Sara Dick

Transitional Pastor: Rob Burdette

Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger

Congregational Board Chair: Barth Hague

“Upside Down & Inside Out”

Lent 5: Letting the seed coats decay

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