

Shalom Mennonite Church

March 29, 2015

Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

- Mark 11:8-10

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

Prelude and Procession

FIRST LOOK

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Greg Nickel

Opening Hymn STJ 104

God moves in a mysterious way, v. 6

Children's Time

Melodie Hatch

Scripture (see insert)

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

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

Call to authenticity

Leader: Are you sure about what you're doing, God?

Congregation: Why crucifixion after the acclaim of the crowd?

**Disaster seems like a bad way
to make your kingdom come.**

Leader: We wish your ways were clear and simple,
that the good were rewarded and the evil punished.

**Congregation: That, at least, would make more sense
than choosing what should clearly be rejected.**

Silence

Leader: Help us take another look.

Congregation: Show us how you want us to see.

Hymn HWB 237

All glory, laud, and honor

*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 118)

The Lord is God

and has shined a light on us!

The Lord is good.

God's faithfulness lasts forever.

Quiet Reflection

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

Sermon

Sara Dick

Quiet Reflection

Hymn of Response HWB 238

Hosanna, loud hosanna

SECOND LOOK

Scripture (see insert)

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

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 239

Ride on, ride on in majesty

Call to Commitment

Leader: God turns things upside down and inside out,
choosing what we reject as the centerpiece
of the kingdom.

**Congregation: God, we will look to you as the arbiter of faithful
living in an uncertain world.**

All those who die like Jesus, sacrificing their lives out of love for the sake of a more dignified human life, will inherit life in all its fullness. They are like grains of wheat, dying to produce life, being buried in the ground only to break through and grow.

- Leonardo Boff, Brazilian theologian and writer

Before Christmas, at the Mayan village of Chichicastenango in Guatemala, statues of Christ, the Virgin Mary, and the saints are also carried aloft in an annual procession. In my painting Guatemala: Procession (fig. 39), Christ appears on a donkey surrounded by the masks worn by the Mayans who dance to honor and celebrate their indigenous roots. They also dance a re-enactment of the brutal Spanish invasion, with satirical masks representing conquistadores. Inside the church many candles are lit and prayers are offered.

- Betty LaDuke (bulletin cover art)

Shalom Mennonite Church

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

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Greeters: Senior High youth, Melanie Zuercher

Lent Worship Team: Patty Burdette, Rob Burdette, Sara Dick,
Melodie Hatch, Jeremy Kindy, Marlene Smucker

Musicians: Mark Schmidt Andres, Sylvia Bartel, Rachel Epp Buller,
Jeffrey Graber, Euny Kerbs, Deb Voth, Tom Szambecki

Scripture Readers: Ziza Thomasova in Slovakian and Melanie
Zuercher in Spanish

Visual Arts: Becky Kindy, Marlene Smucker

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“Guatemala: Procession”, 1978, acrylic, 72"x68"

Sound & Closing: Tim Buller

Pastor: Sara Dick

Transitional Pastor: Rob Burdette

Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger

Congregational Board Chair: Barth Hague

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Following Jesus, we risk love.



Upside Down & Inside Out

Palm/Passion Sunday: A Second Look

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