

# Shalom Mennonite Church

March 8, 2015

*For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom,  
and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.* 1 Corinthians 1:25

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

## Prelude and Contemplation

### FIRST LOOK

**Welcome and Opening Prayer** Jeremy Kindy

**Opening Hymn STJ 104** *God moves in a mysterious way (v. 3)*

**Children's Time** Melodie Hatch

**Children's Choir** "Thy Word" by Michael W. Smith and Amy Grant

**Scripture** (see back of bulletin) 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

### Call to Authenticity

Leader: We have some doubts about your wisdom, God.  
The way you do things seems like nonsense.

**Congregation: You make laws that are hard to follow—  
and even if we keep them perfectly we may  
still miss the boat.**

Leader: Like the people of Israel, we wonder:  
How are we to get this right?

**Congregation: We want smoothness, not stumbling blocks.**  
*Silence*

Leader: Train us in your weakness, which is stronger than  
our strength,

**Congregation: help us trust your foolishness, which is wiser  
than our wisdom.**

**Hymn HWB 340** *'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus*  
*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 19)

God's judgments are completely right.  
They're better than gold—even tons of pure gold!  
They're sweeter than honey—even dripping off the honeycomb!

### 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 521** *Come thou fount of every blessing*

### SECOND LOOK

### Scripture

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

### 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 439

*I want Jesus to walk with me*

### Call to Commitment

Leader: God turns things upside down and inside out,  
growing us to maturity through the message of the cross.  
**Congregation: God, even when we struggle to make sense of it,  
we will rely on your foolishness  
and depend on your weakness.**

## 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

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Shalom Mennonite Church

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

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Greeters: Bob & Yvonne Bontrager, Lola Schmidt,  
Marlene & Stan Smucker

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Melodie Hatch, Jeremy Kindy, Marlene Smucker

Musicians: Greg Nickel, Martha Unruh Szambecki, Jill Siebert,  
Shalom Children's Choir

Scripture Reader: Charlotte Gmeiner

Visual Arts: Becky Kindy, Marlene Smucker

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Sound & Closing: Greg Nickel

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Pastor: Sara Dick

Transitional Pastor: Rob Burdette

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## Shalom Mennonite Church

*Following Jesus, we risk love.*



## *Upside Down & Inside Out*

*Lent 3: God's foolishness*

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