

# Shalom Mennonite Church

April 12, 2015

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

## Gathering in God's Presence

**Welcome & Special Announcements**

Debbie Schmidt

**Gathering Music & Procession**

**Call to worship:**

Though we may be inclined to brag,  
let us come together with humility.

**How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.**

Though we may be tempted to use harsh words,  
let us come together with gentleness.

**How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.**

Though we may want everything to happen quickly,  
let us come together with patience.

**How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.**

Though the world around often encourages hate,  
let us come together in love.

**How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.**

In humility, gentleness, patience, love, and unity,  
*Let us worship the God who has called us together.*

— written by Joanna Harader, and posted on her *Spacious Faith* blog

**Prayer**

**Opening Hymn**

## Proclaiming the Word

**Children's Time**

Amy Schmidt

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

**Hymn**

**Scripture Reading** (see insert)

John 20:19-31

*Scripture passages are read in English or 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**

“For the Love of God and Basketball”

Teague Chesed

**Quiet reflection**

## Responding to the Word

**Hymn of response**

**Offertory and Prayer**

**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 Song**

**Benediction**

The cry of Jesus on the cross at the very end was, therefore the cry of awareness that all was indeed accomplished, brought to its consummation. He knew that he could, at last, give back to the One he loved the unshackled fullness of love, and in so doing *carry with him* on the surge of that passion the love which is the essential being of all creation. This is, in a sense, the moment of resurrection, or rather it is the moment at which that process begins, for the resurrection is not a single event but the ever-extending 'outflow' of the energy previously dammed up by the power of sin and death.

- Rosemary Haughton, *The Passionate God*, p. 153, (1)

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*Following Jesus, we risk love.*



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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  
Musicians: Euny Kerbs, Martha Unruh Szambecki  
Bulletin Cover: Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio, *Doubting Thomas*  
Sound & Closing: David Kaufman

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

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## *Christ Revealed*

*“Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him,  
“My Lord and my God!” John 20:27b-28*

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