

Shalom Mennonite Church

May 17, 2015

*In the same way that you gave me a mission in the world,
I give them a mission in the world.*

John 17:13-19 The Message

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

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome & Special Announcements

Joe Smucker

Gathering Music and Procession

We carry in a flame, the Bible and a prayer cloth. May we trust the Light to guide us, the Word to teach us, and prayer to knit our lives together with God as we begin our time of worship.

Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 1 (see back of bulletin)

Opening Prayer

Opening Song HWB 26

Holy Spirit, come with power

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

Debbie Schmidt

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

Scripture Reading

John 17:6-19

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

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon (see back of bulletin)

Hymn HWB 142

Brothers and sisters of mine

Quiet Reflection

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

Sermon

"Risking All and Loving It"

Rob Burdette

Quiet Reflection

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response STJ 61

How can we be silent

Offertory and Prayer

Commissioning

Sharing Time and Introductions

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 HWB 420

Heart with loving heart united

Benediction

Shalom Mennonite Church

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

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Spanish Scripture Reader: Julian David Gonzalez Salamanca

Bulletin Cover: George Tooker, *Embrace of Peace*

Sound & Closing: Russ Neufeld

Pastor: Sara Dick

Transitional Pastor: Rob Burdette

Summer Youth Worker: Melanie Krehbiel

Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger

Congregational Board Chair: Barth Hague

Call to Worship: “You honor the faithful, O God.”

Happy is the one
who rejects the advice
of those who do not know God,
who does not join with scoffers,
but finds pleasure in obedience,
and in studying God's teaching.

“You honor the faithful, O God.”

Such a one is like a tree,
that grows beside a stream,
bearing luscious fruit in season
without fail.

“You honor the faithful, O God.”

It is nothing like this
for those without God;
they are like chaff,
which the wind blows away;
they will be kept apart
on the day of judgment,
when the people of God assemble;
God guides and protects
the plans and paths of the faithful;
they way of all others leads nowhere.

“You honor the faithful, O God.”

Prayer of Confession

You call us to proclaim a gospel we find difficult to practice, God Most High. We watch our clocks to make sure we spend more time with ourselves than with you. We are hesitant to witness to your power from on high, as we are uncertain of your presence in our lives.

Forgive us, God of Light. Fill us with the healing presence of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your good news, as we participate in the life and suffering of our world, as did your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Choosing to set aside judgment, God gives us justice; choosing to let go of punishment, God fills us with peace; choosing to release anger, God's steadfast love rests upon us.

Forgiven, redeemed, restored—we will tell everyone, through the lives we lead, what God has done for us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

— written by Thom Shuman, and posted on his excellent Lectionary Liturgies

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Following Jesus, we risk love.



Easter 7: Christ Intercedes

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