# **Shalom Mennonite Church July 19, 2015**

# Empathy and Difference

Christ abolished the law with its commandment and ordinances, in order to create in Christ one new humanity instead of two, thus making peace, and in order to reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross.

Ephesians 2:15-16a

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

## **Gathering in God's Presence**

#### **Welcome & Special Announcements**

Ron Flaming

## **Gathering Music & 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 (see insert)

**Opening song HWB 1** 

What is this place

## **Proclaiming the Word**

#### Children's Time

Karen McCabe-Juhnke

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

### Scripture Reading (see insert)

Ephesians 2:11-22

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

## Hymn HWB 311

The church's one foundation

### **Quiet Reflection**

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

**Meditation** "Sojourn to Ukraine: The Ramblings of a Resident Alien"

John McCabe-Juhnke

### **Quiet Reflection**

## **Responding to the Word**

**Hymn of Response HWB 322** 

For we are strangers no more

### **Offering**

#### **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 70** 

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

**Benediction** 

Our speaker this morning is John McCabe-Juhnke, a member of Shalom Church and Bethel College Professor of Communication Arts. He will reflect on his experiences in Ukraine while on sabbatical leave from Bethel College. John was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to teach in Lutsk, Ukraine for the 2014-15 school year.

## **Welcoming Statement for Shalom Mennonite Church**

We embrace all people in the name of Christ. Everyone is a unique creation in the image of God. We are an open and affirming congregation that seeks to follow Jesus. We welcome into full participation in the life and ministry of the church, people of every race, immigration status, culture, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, education, economic status, and life situation. We welcome diverse perspectives as we gather around God's table together.

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**Bulletin Cover:** Estelle Ishigo, *Boys with Kite* The artist of this painting and it's subjects, the two little boys, were all interned in the Japanese-American internment camps set up by the United States government during World War II. The boys seem unconcerned about the barbed wire barrier between them and freedom; they find a way over and through it to fly their kite, a traditional symbol of freedom.

Greeters: Gary & Gloria Rediger, Dick & Mary Rempel

Musicians: Yvonne Bontrager, Chris Dick Spanish Scripture Reader: Zandra Sawatzky

Visual Arts: Joanna Fenton Friesen Sound & Closing: Tim Buller

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Pastor: Sara Dick

Transitional Pastor: Rob Burdette

Summer Youth Worker: Melanie Krehbiel Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger Congregational Board Chair: Barth Hague

## **Shalom Mennonite Church**

Following Jesus, we risk love



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