

# Shalom Mennonite Church

September 20, 2015

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

## Gathering in God's Presence

**Welcome & Special Announcements**

Jeremy Kindy

**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**

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn HWB 26**

*Holy Spirit, come with power*

## Proclaiming the Word

**Children's Time**

Marlene Smucker

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

**Scripture Reading** (see insert)

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

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

**Hymn HWB 507**

*Gracious Spirit, dwell with me*

**Quiet Reflection**

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

**Meditation**

“Listening for Laughter”

Heidi Regier Krieder, Conference Minister

**Quiet Reflection**

## Responding to the Word

**Installation of Rachel Ringenberg Miller**

**Hymn of Response STJ 63**

*Lord you give the great commission*

**Offertory and Prayer**

**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 Hymn HWB 420**

*Heart with loving heart united*

**Benediction**

## 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.

Shalom Mennonite Church

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

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God always fulfills God's promise but it happens: "at the set time" and "at the time that comes to pass." God fulfills promises that are wonderful/amazing/awesome. Nothing is beyond God, but it comes to us at an appointed time -- a time that may make not sense to us, but perfect sense to God.

- Roger Nam of George Fox Seminary in Portland, Oregon

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Greeters: Anita & Stan Bohn, Connie & Kevin Regier

Musicians: Greta Hiebert, Greg Nickel

Spanish Scripture Reader: Phil Sawatzky

Visual Arts: Marlene Smucker

Sound & Closing: Greg Nickel

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Pastor: Rachel Ringenberg Miller

Associate Pastor: Sara Dick

Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger

Congregational Board Chair: Barth Hague

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*Following Jesus, we risk love.*



***Old Testament Stories:  
Covenanted Community***

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