# **Shalom Mennonite Church**

**September 27, 2015** 

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

# **Gathering in God's Presence**

**Welcome and Special Announcements** 

Edna Dyck

The Word of God - arr. J. Harold Moyer

## **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

Leader: Praise the Lord, who does not hide

when we seek God's face.

People: Praise the Lord, who hears our cry

and answers when we call.

Leader: The Lord does not turn away in anger

but helps us in our distress.

People: The Lord our God and Savior never rejects or forsakes us.

All: We walk in confidence; our God is strong.

Ferne Burkhardt from Words of Worship (adapted)
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**Hymn STJ 8** 

Somos pueblo que camina (We are people on a journey)

#### **Proclaiming the Word**

Children's Time

Debbie Schmidt

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

Hymn HWB 503

Come, O thou Traveler unknown

(vv 1-4)

Scripture Reading (see insert)

Genesis 32:22-30

Scripture passages are read in English and 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

God of Jacob

Rachel Ringenberg Miller

**Quiet Reflection** 

# Responding to the Word

Hymn HWB 503

Come, O thou Traveler unknown

(vv 8-11)

Offertory and Prayer

Song without Words - Mendelssohn

## **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**

Hymn HWB 546

Guide my feet

**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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To know dark, go dark. Go without sight, and find that dark, too, blooms and sings.

- Wendell Berry

Greeters: Kristen Mayhue, Dick & Mary Rempel, Melanie Zuercher

Musicians: Yvonne Bontrager, Karen Schlabaugh

Visual Arts: Marlene Smucker Sound & Closing: David Kaufman

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Pastor: Rachel Ringenberg Miller Associate Pastor: Sara Dick

Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger Congregational Board Chair: Barth Hague

# **Shalom Mennonite Church**

Following Jesus, we risk love.



# Old Testament Stories: Covenanted Community

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