

# Shalom Mennonite Church

September 6, 2015

*For Christ is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.*

-Ephesians 2:14

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

## Gathering in God's Presence

### Welcome & Special Announcements

John Otto

### 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 Prayer

### Opening Song HWB 35

*Many and great, O God*

## Proclaiming the Word

### Children's Time

Beth Burns

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

### Scripture Reading (see insert)

Jeremiah 10:1-16

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

### Prayer of Confession (with Jeremiah 10:24)

Leader: Hospitable God, we confess that as a church we are much less welcoming than our Lord Jesus, who dined with sinners and outcasts. We confess that we may delude ourselves, thinking that we are better than children of yours who do not proclaim pacifism or inclusion for GLBTQ persons. Forgive our delusion and arrogance. We

confess that we avoid and ignore people that are different from ourselves; people who are immigrants, people from a different race or culture, people who are poor, people who are in prison or have a criminal record. Forgive these and all our sins, we pray.

**All: *Correct me, O Lord, but please be fair; don't correct me in your anger, or you will reduce me to nothing.***

### Words of Assurance (with Psalm 103:8, 22b)

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**All: *Bless the Lord, O my soul!***

***¡Bendeciré al Señor con toda mi alma!***

### Hymn STJ 52

*Jesus, help us live in peace*

### Quiet Reflection

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

### Meditation

*Black Lives Matter*

Sara Dick

### Testimony

Fabiola Flores

### Quiet Reflection

## Responding to the Word

### Hymn of Response HWB 306

*In Christ there is no East or West*

### 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 Song HWB 579

*Lift every voice and sing*

### 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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## Shalom Mennonite Church

*Following Jesus, we risk love*



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Bulletin Cover Image: Mennonite Church USA: Peace and Justice Support Network  
Spanish Scripture Reader: Zandra Sawatzky  
Visual Arts: Joanna Fenton Friesen  
Sound & Closing: Russ Neufeld

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Associate Pastor: Sara Dick  
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## Peace Sunday

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