

Shalom Mennonite Church

November 1, 2015

Old Testament Stories: Covenanted Community

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

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome & Announcements

Becky Kindy

Gathering Music & Procession

Prelude in C Minor — F. Mendelssohn

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)

Prayer

Hymn STJ 112

I owe my Lord a morning song

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

Shari Thiessen

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

Hymn HWB 352

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

Quiet Reflection

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

Sermon

“The Darkest Valley”

Rachel Ringenberg Miller

Quiet Reflection

Responding to the Word

Hymn HWB 589

My Shepherd will supply my need

Remembering the Saints

Offertory and Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven — J.S. Bach

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 636

For all the saints (v. 1, 4, 6 & 8)

Benediction

**For Those Who Walked
With Us**

For those
who walked with us,
this is a prayer.

For those
who have gone ahead,
this is a blessing.

For those
who touched and tended us,
who lingered with us
while they lived,
this is a thanksgiving.

For those
who journey still with us
in the shadows of awareness,
in the crevices of memory,
in the landscape of our dreams,
this is a benediction

--Jan Richardson

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

Greeters: David and Mary Duerksen, Chuck and Cindy Regier
Musicians: Yvonne Bontrager, Greta Hiebert
Spanish Scripture Reader: Phil Sawatzky
Visual Arts: Joanna Fenton Friesen
Sound & Closing: Greg Nickel

Pastor: Rachel Ringenberg Miller
Associate Pastor: Sara Dick
Office Manager: Hope Graber
Congregational Board Chair: Barth Hague

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