

Shalom Mennonite Church

February 21, 2016

Lent 2 Finding Light in Fearful Text

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

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome

Shari Thiessen

Gathering Music and Processional

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

Based on Psalm 27

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation: whom shall we fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?

Leader: One thing we ask of the Lord, one thing we seek;

People: We seek to live in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in the Lord's temple.

Prayer

Hymn HWB 36

God of our strength

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

Everett Bradley & Melodie Hatch

Nursery care for young children is available through the end of the service.

Hymn STJ 27

God of the Bible (verses 2 & 3)

Scripture Reading

Luke 13:31-35

Confession and Assurance

Based on Psalm 27

People: Hear, O Lord, when we cry aloud. Be gracious to us and answer us. Do not turn your servants away in anger, you who have been our help. Do not cast us off. Do not forsake us, O God of our salvation!

Pause for silent confession.

Leader: Teach us your way, O Lord,

People: and lead us on a level path.

Leader: God invites us to believe that you shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Quiet Reflection

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

Sermon

Sara Dick

Quiet Reflection

Question & Response: Where do you find hope?

Responding to the Word

Hymn HWB 336

When peace, like a river

Gathering our Gifts

Sharing Time and Introductions

During this time in the service we welcome visitors, invite responses to the worship service, hear about the work of our Ministry Teams, and share prayer concerns and joys. Please sign the Welcome Pages (black books) in the pews so we can learn each other's names.

Prayers of the People

Going Forth to Serve

Sharing Our Joyful Work

Hymn STJ 54

Longing for light

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.

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9:30 am – Sunday School

10:45 am – Worship

Upcoming Services

February 28 – Lent 3 Leaping Off the Page: Rachel Ringenberg Miller will continue our Lenten series looking at the text of Luke 13:1-9.

March 6 – Lent 4 Turning Over a New Leaf: Rachel Ringenberg Miller will preach on the text of Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32.

March 13 – Lent 5 An Unexpected Twist: Sara Dick will be preaching on John 12:1-8.

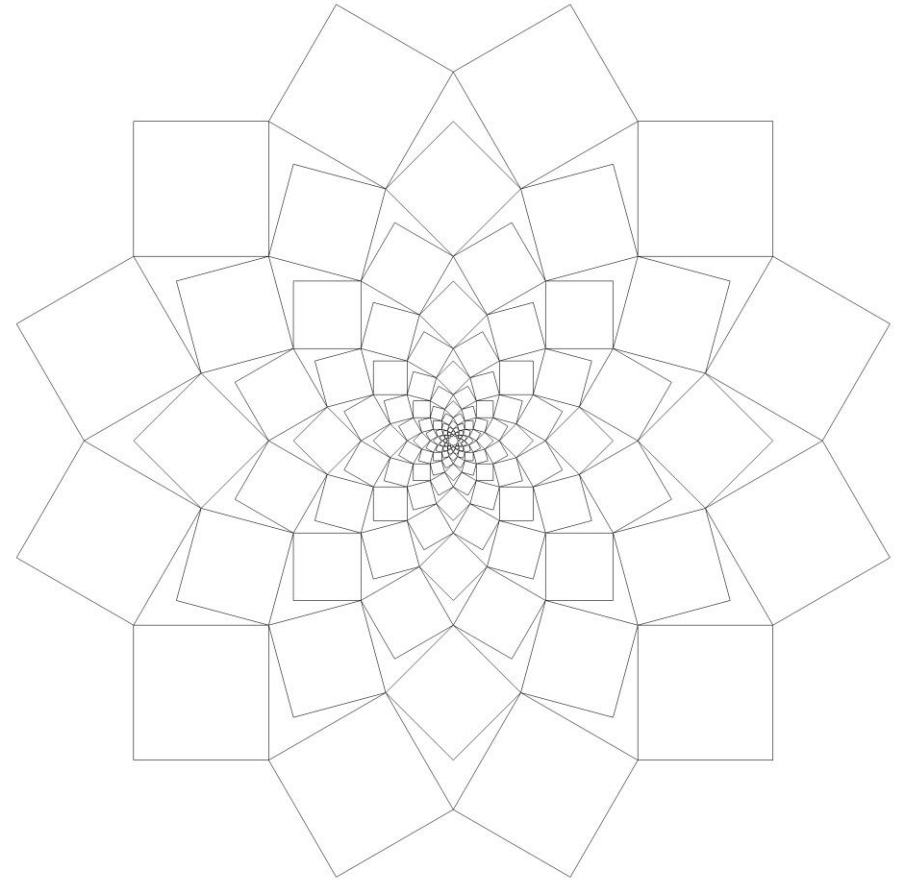
Greeters: Stan & Anita Bohn, Gary & Gloria Rediger
Nursery Workers: Marla Sawatzky Rowe, Gretchen Otter
Musicians: Greg Nickel, Chris Dick, Christine Crouse-Dick
Spanish Scripture Reader: Juan Coy Tení
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