

Shalom Mennonite Church

February 28, 2016

Lent 3 Leaping off the Page

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

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome

Gregg Friesen

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 63

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life,

People: We gather to praise you.

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People: We will bless you as long as we live.

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life,

People: We will lift up our hands and call on your name.

Prayer

Hymn HWB 76

Praise, I will praise you, Lord

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

Everett Bradley & mystery guest

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

Scripture Reading

Luke 13:1-9

Word in Song

God of the Bible (instrumental)

Confession

Leader: Life giving God, hear our prayer of confession.

People: We are seduced by the gods of this world.

Materialism coaxes us to trust in things.

Success tempts us to work harder and longer.

Fear takes captive our creativity and confidence.

Free us from their grip that we might worship you alone.

Assurance

Quiet Reflection

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

Sermon

Rachel Ringenberg Miller

Quiet Reflection

Responding to the Word

Ritual of Response: Six-Word Story

Hymn HWB 604

Jesu, joy of man's desiring

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 HWB 373

Thou true Vine, that heals

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

(316) 283-7395

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9:30 am – Sunday School

10:45 am – Worship

Upcoming Services

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.

March 20 – Lent 6 The Plot Thickens: Sara Wenger Shenk, president of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, will be our guest preacher.

Greeters: Patrice Flaming, Melanie Zuercher, Dick & Mary Rempel

Nursery Workers: Andrea Yoder Graber, Jen Andres

Musicians: Anita Bohn, Greta Hiebert, Mark Schmidt Andres, Abby Chappell Deckert, Melanie Zuercher

Sign Language Interpreters: Laura Reimer, Joan Schrock-Woodward

Spanish Scripture Reader: Zandra Sawatzky

Visual Arts: Jason Miller

Sound & Closing: Tom Szambecki

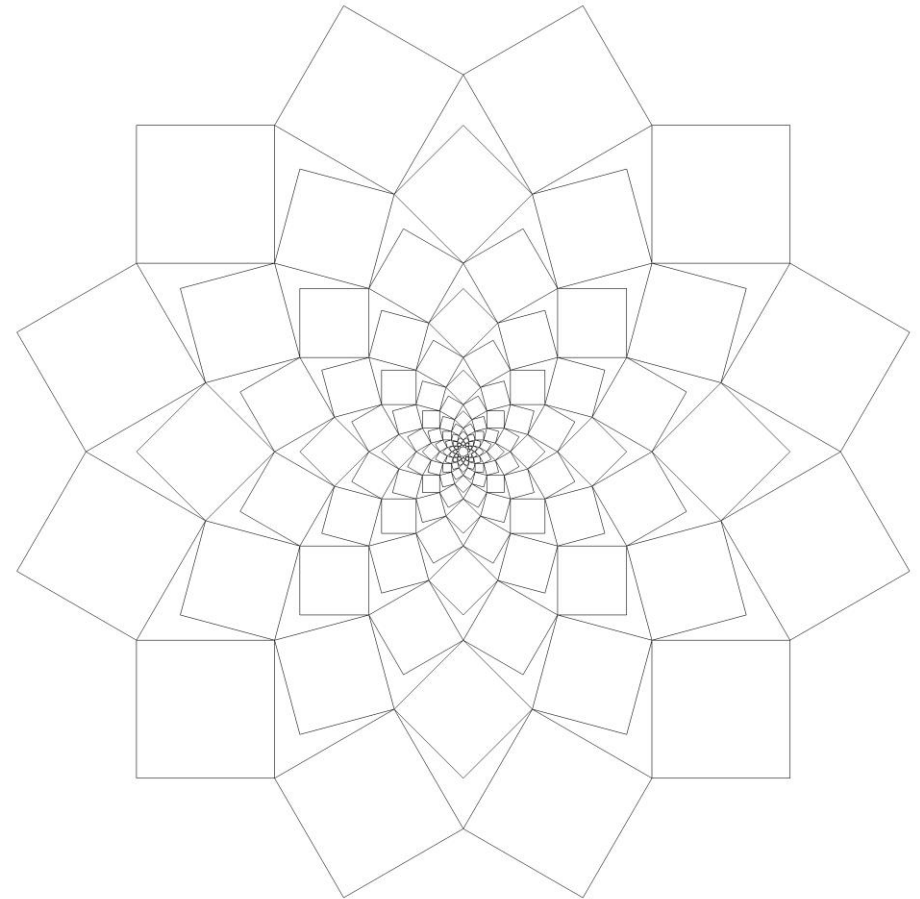
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