

# Shalom Mennonite Church

March 6, 2016

## Lent 4 Turning Over a new Leaf

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

### Gathering in God's Presence

**Welcome** Laurie Hesed

### **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** Poem by Laurie Hesed

**Prayer** "Inviting Space" Gunilla Norris

**Hymn HWB 592** *Love divine, all loves excelling*

### Proclaiming the Word

**Children's Time** Everett Bradley, Carl Cash, & Lisa Otter  
*Nursery care for young children is available through the end of the service.*

**Scripture Reading** Luke 15:11-32

**Hymn STJ 27** *God of the Bible* (verses 1 & 4)

**Confession** Based on Psalm 32

Leader: Happiness comes from having our rebellion taken away  
from having our failure completely covered,  
Happiness comes from YHWH not counting your mistakes,  
from having nothing to hide.

**Response:** When I kept it all inside, my bones turned to powder  
my words became daylong groans.  
The pressure never let up;  
Finally, I admitted my sin to you  
and stopped hiding my guilt.  
Then I let it all out;  
Suddenly the pressure was gone—  
my guilt dissolved, my sin disappeared.

**Assurance** By Henri J. M. Nouwen

**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:** Letting go

**Hymn HWB 491** *Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling*

### **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 362** *Help us to help each other*

**Benediction** "Thirst" By Mary Oliver

## 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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### Shalom Mennonite Church

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9:30 am – Sunday School

10:45 am – Worship

### Upcoming Services

**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.

**March 24 – Maundy Thursday Service** including a meal, footwashing, and communion begins at 6 pm.

**March 27 – Easter Sunday** join us for sunrise service at 7 am, breakfast potluck at 9 am, and worship at 10:45 am with **Rachel Ringenberg Miller** preaching on John 20:1-8.

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Greeters: David & Mary Duerksen, Stan & Marlene Smucker

Nursery Workers: Andi Schmidt Andres, Abby Schmidt

Musicians: Giovanna McQuillen Schnabel, Lela Mae Sawatzky

Visual Arts: Jason Miller

Sound & Closing: David Kaufman

Church Board Chair: Debbie Schmidt

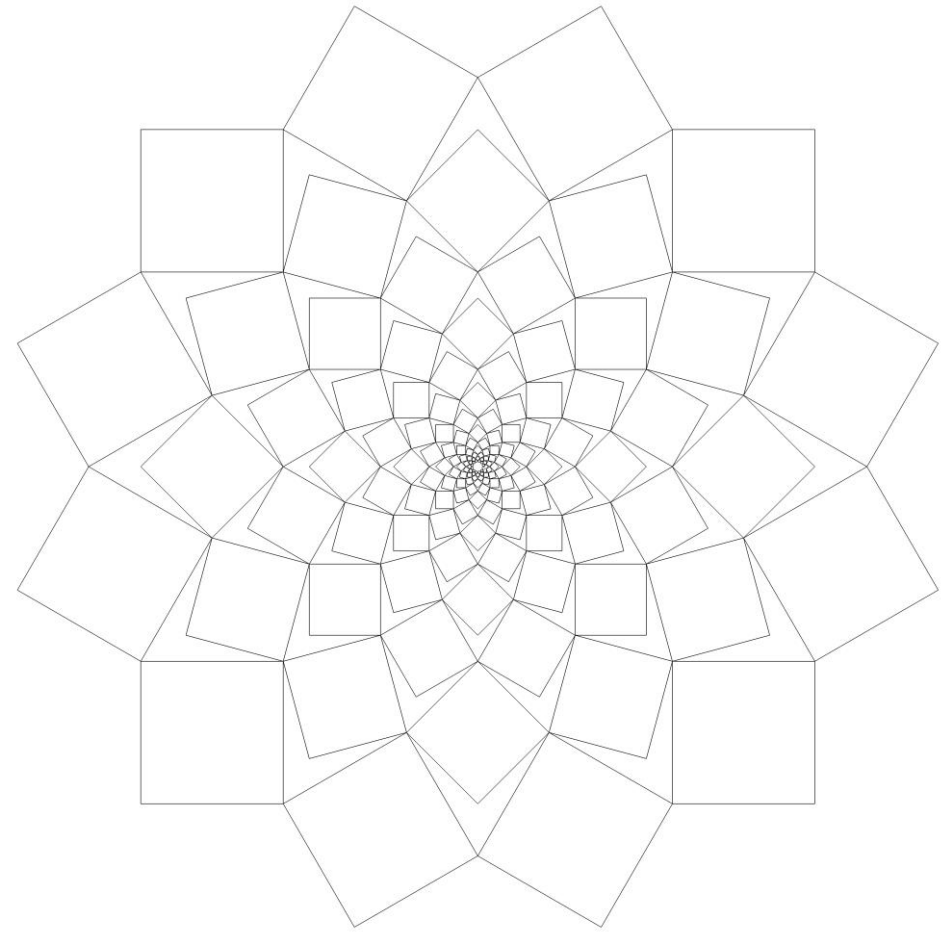
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