

# Shalom Mennonite Church

April 17, 2016

## Following Jesus, we risk love

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

### Gathering in God's Presence

**Welcome**

Hope Graber

### **Gathering Music and Processional**

*Now the Green Blade Rises – A. Roberts*

*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**

From all walks of life, with energy and exhaustion, in light and darkness, as reflections of the image of God, we gather to worship.

**Meet us here, Spirit of the Living God.**

Remembering who we are, who we were, the generations who walked this earth before us, we claim our place as part of the people of God.

**Tell us again the stories that make us yours, Living Word.**

With ears to hear, voices to shout, hands and feet to transform the world, we prepare to worship with all our being.

**Embolden and empower us, God of justice and righteousness, that our worship may extend far beyond the walls of this building.**

**Prayer**

**Hymn HWB 363**

*Renew your church*

### Proclaiming the Word

**Children's Time**

Sara Dick

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

**Hymn HWB 305**

*Where charity and love prevail*

**Scripture Reading**

Acts 17:1-9. 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

**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

**Hymn STJ 53**

*O God in heaven*

**Gathering our Gifts**

*Sing, my Tongue, the song – W. Held*

**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 366**

*God of grace and God of glory*

**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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### Shalom Mennonite Church

(316) 283-7395

[www.shalomnewton.org](http://www.shalomnewton.org)

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:45 am – Worship

### Upcoming Services

**April 24 – Discernment Sunday**, 9:30 – 12 with child care provided through grade 4.

**May 1 – Sara Dick** will preach.

**May 8 – Rachel Ringenberg Miller** will preach on 1 Corinthians 15:1-16, & 51-57.

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Greeters: Stan & Anita Bohn, Gary & Gloria Rediger  
Nursery Workers: Heidi Huber, Lydia Chappell Deckert  
Musicians: Greg Nickel, Greta Hiebert  
Spanish Scripture Reader: Zandra Sawatzky  
Visual Arts: Joanna Fenton Friesen  
Sound & Closing: David Kaufman  
Church Board Chair: Debbie Schmidt

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### Church Staff

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