

Shalom Mennonite Church

April 22, 2012

3rd Sunday of Easter

Earth Day

*God saw everything that God had made,
and indeed, it was very good.*

Genesis 1:31a

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Special Announcements

Debbie Schmidt

Opening Psalm Reading

Psalm 104, selected verses

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

Creating God, we bring to you our praise.

We give thanks for the bounty of earth, sea and sky.

We hold before you our joy and entrust to you our sorrow.

We are yours and made in your image.

Open us to the movement of your Spirit in and among us.

Comfort us. Disturb us.

Enlighten us. Ignite us.

Continue your creating ways in us and through us,

that your glory may be comprehended

and your love made visible.

In the name of your Son, our Savior, we pray. Amen.

(Words for Worship 2, Diane Zaerr Brenneman)

Prayer

Opening Hymn HWB 47

Earth and all stars

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

Caitlin Buerge

First Reading

Luke 24:36b-48

Hymn HWB 270

Who are these

Second Reading

Genesis 1:1-2:4

Quiet Reflection

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

Meditation

“Praise God all creatures here below”

Sara Dick

Responding to the Word

Hymn HWB 89

For the beauty of the earth

Offertory & Prayer

Sharing Time & 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

Sending

Blessing

Hymn STJ 77

The peace of the earth be with you

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

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I praise you, God!
You are like a marvelous king
who wears beautiful, bright robes!
You make the water run in rivers,
and the animals come for a drink.
You make the plants grow,
and we have food to eat.
You open your hands and give us
everything we need.

-Psalm 104 from *Psalms for Young Children*
by Marie-Helene Delval,
illustrated by Arno



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Our purpose is to worship and praise God together, to pray for and encourage each other to live our covenant with God and to share Christ's good news with others. As Anabaptist Christians we will reach out to others, welcome all people, be aware of our neighbors and respond to their needs, and give ourselves to service.

Greeters: Brett & Marathana Prothro, Kelvin & Lisa Bartel, Kristen Mayhue
Visual Arts: David Kaufman
Bulletin cover art: Yolanda Kauffman
Musicians: Rachel Epp Buller, Mark Schmidt Andres
Sound & Closing: David Kaufman

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