

Shalom Mennonite Church

May 20, 2012

One in Christ

*“The glory that you have given me I have given them,
so that they may be one, as we are one.
I in them and you in me, that they may be completely one...”*

John 17:22-23a

Gathering in God’s Presence

Welcome and Special Announcements

Marlene Smucker

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

We gather as many individuals,
yet we are one body.
We come from many places,
yet we come to one place.
We gather as God's many children,
yet we are one church.
*We are one body in this place,
as God's church, Alleluia!**

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn HWB 21

All praise to our redeeming Lord

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

Joe Smucker

Hymn HWB 306

In Christ there is no East or West

Reading

John 17:18-26

Quiet Reflection

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

Reading

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Quiet Reflection

Meditation

“casting lots and votes”

Eric Massanari

Quiet Reflection

Hymn STJ 53

O God in heaven

Responding to the Word

Welcoming New Members to Our Congregation

Laurie Hesel
Diana Montano
Debra Voth

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

Sending Hymn (see hymnal sleeves)

Harmony, unity,
Wholeness and justice,
Peace and salvation,
All are Shalom.

Benediction

* Written by June Mears Driedger

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

“Tapping the Power of Creation”

Whenever we pray, we are tapping the power of creation, and that's a mighty power. There are a lot of battle lines to cross in order for us to pray with each other, and with the rest of the world, with those who do not agree with us, with those who worship God in ways we do not understand. But that is all right. We do not have to understand. We do have to try to turn to love, to know that the Lord who created all, also loves all that which was made.

- Madeleine L'Engle

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 20, 2012

Greeters: Anita & Stan Bohn, Sarah Friesen Guhr & Brad Guhr
Musicians: Greta Hiebert, Sam Smucker, Shalom Children, Florence Schloneger
Sound and Closing: Brett Prothro

Pastor: Eric Massanari
Associate Pastor: Sara Dick
Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger
Church Moderator: Matt Schmidt

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.

9:30 a.m.- Sunday School 10:45 a.m.- Worship
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