

Shalom Mennonite Church

August 5, 2012

Faith: Doubt and Clarity Part 1, Agony in the Garden

“Of course I have doubt. I invite her over for dinner and then I send her on her way. I've befriended her. If I'm an artist living an artist's life, doing these things, then of course I will be visited by doubt. If not, there would be something wrong. She's my recurring house guest.”

-Edward Field quoted in *Writing and the Spiritual Life* by Patrice Vecchione

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome & Special Announcements

Gerry Epp

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 HWB 824

Psalm 145:13b-21

Prayer

Gathering Hymn STJ 9

Come, now is the time to worship

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

Megan Upton Tyner

Hymn HWB 553

I am weak and I need thy strength

Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:36-46

Gospel Response

Toby Tyner

Quiet Reflection

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

Meditation

Sara Dick

Quiet Reflection

Hymn HWB 551

In the stillness of the evening

Responding to the Word

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

Hymn HWB 433

Go, my children

Blessing

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

Gleaning

Winnowing fear,
restless, feral winds
surge in my mind,
shifting directions,
gathering force.
I mistake it all
for chaff --
husks of failure
and deprecation.

But this wind resounds
from the ancient world
and release has always
been gleaned
from grains of doubt.

-Nancy Compton Williams

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Greeters: David & Mary Duerksen, Chuck & Cindy Regier
Musicians: Yvonne Bontrager, Brett Prothro, Tom Szambecki, Toby Tyner
Cover image: *Agony in the Garden*, Paul Gauguin
Visual Arts: "Potluck Bouquet"
Sound and Closing: Russ Neufeld

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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