

# Shalom Mennonite Church

January 27, 2013

## *Gifts of the Spirit*

### Part 3: A Communion of Gifts

*Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.*

1 Corinthians 12:27

#### Gathering in God's Presence

##### Welcome & Special Announcements

Phil Sawatzky

##### Gathering Music & Procession

“Sinnerman” by Nina Simone

*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 (Isaiah 41:17-20)

When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none,  
and their tongue is parched with thirst,

**I the Lord will answer them,**

**I the God of Israel will not forsake them.**

I will open rivers on the bare heights,  
and fountains in the midst of the valleys;

**I will make the wilderness a pool of water,  
and the dry land springs of water.**

I will put in the wilderness the cedar, the acacia,  
the myrtle, and the olive;

**I will set in the desert the cypress,  
the plane and the pine together,**

*so that all may see and know, all may consider and understand,  
that the hand of the Lord has done this,  
the Holy One of Israel has created it.*

##### Prayer of Invocation

##### Gathering Hymn STJ 106

*Just a closer walk with thee*

#### Proclaiming the Word

##### First Reading

1 Corinthians 12:27-31

##### Children's Time

Becky Kindy

##### Hymn STJ 40

*As rain from the clouds*

##### Second Reading

Matthew 10:40-42

##### Quiet Reflection

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

##### Meditation

“A Gathering of Geese”

Sara Dick

##### Quiet Reflection

##### Hymn STJ 41

*Alleluia*

#### Responding to the Word

##### Offertory & Prayer

Wayfarin' Stranger

##### 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 401

*This little light of mine*

##### Benediction

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

## Offering Our Small Imperfect Stones

Alice Walker

We can do nothing substantial toward changing our course on the planet, a destructive one, without rousing ourselves, individual by individual, and bringing our small imperfect stones to the pile. I have learned other things: One is the futility of expecting anyone, including ourselves, to be perfect. People who go about seeking to change the world, to diminish suffering, to demonstrate any kind of enlightenment, are often as flawed as anyone else. Sometimes more so.

But it is the awareness of having faults, I think, and the knowledge that this links us to everyone on Earth, that opens us to courage and compassion. It occurs to me that often many of those I deeply love are flawed. They might actually have said or done some of the mean things I've felt, heard, read about or feared. But it is the struggle with the flaw, surprisingly endearing, and the going on anyhow, that I cherish about them.

Sometimes our stones are, to us, misshapen, odd. Their color seems off. Their singing, comical and strange. Presenting them, we perceive our own imperfect nakedness, but also, paradoxically, the wholeness, the rightness, of it. In the collective vulnerability of presence, we learn not to be afraid.

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Greeters: Kelvin & Lisa Bartel, Kristen Mayhue, Brett & Marathana Prothro  
Musicians: Mark Schmidt Andres, Shalom Band  
Visual Arts: Jason Miller, Doris Weber  
Sound System Operator/Closing: David Kaufman

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

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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.

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