

Shalom Mennonite Church

February 17, 2013

Lent 1: God Will Show Us Salvation

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Special Announcements

Gerry Epp

Gathering Music & Procession

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

Lord, we come from our work, our homes, and social networks.

We come to worship you.

We know you have worked powerfully among us.

Lord, we come in gratitude for your care.

We need your salvation anew.

Lord, lead us for these times.

Create in us a new thing.

Prayer of Invocation

Gathering Hymn HWB 37

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

Tim Huber

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Hymn HWB 576

If you but trust in God

Second Reading

Luke 4:1-13

Quiet Reflection

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

Meditation



Quiet Reflection

Prayer of Confession and Affirmation

O God, you know us through and through, you know the many choices we face each day. We struggle to choose between right and wrong; to choose between greater and lesser evils; to choose what will be important to us in life. As you strengthened Jesus to choose rightly when he was tempted in the wilderness, so strengthen us, through your presence and Spirit, when we face temptation, that we may walk in the paths most pleasing to you. Amen.

Hymn HWB 567

How firm a foundation

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 114

In thee is gladness

Benediction

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

Prayer of Confession and Affirmation written by Ruth C. Duck and printed in *Bread for the Journey*, Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 1981.

Ashamed No More

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When did the collision between our appetites and the needs of our souls happen? Was there a heart attack? Did we get laid off from work, one of the thousands certified as extraneous? Did a beloved child become a bored stranger, a marriage fall silent and cold? Or, by some exquisite working of God's grace, did we just find the courage to look the truth in the eye and, for once, not blink? How did we come to know that we were dying a slow and unacknowledged death? And that the only way back to life was to set all our packages down and begin again, carrying with us only what we really needed?

We travail. We are heavy laden. Refresh us, O homeless, jobless, possession-less Savior. You came naked, and naked you go. And so it is for us. So it is for all of us.

Barbara Cawthorne Crafton



Sunday, February 17, 2013

Greeters: Anita & Stan Bohn, Gary & Gloria Rediger
Musicians: Lela Mae Sawatzky, Merle Schlabaugh
Visual Arts: Hanna Eastin
Sound System Operator/Closing: Andrew Thiesen
Bulletin Cover Image: "The Temptation in the Wilderness"
by Briton Riviere (1840-1920)

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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