

# Shalom Mennonite Church

April 28, 2013

## *Don't Forgive Too Soon*

### **Part 3: Bargaining**

*If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?*

*But there is forgiveness with you...*

Psalm 130:3-4

### **Gathering in God's Presence**

**Welcome & Announcements**

Jeffrey Graber

**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 HWB 680** (in unison)

**Hymn HWB 216**

*Christ, whose glory fills the skies*

### **Proclaiming the Word**

**Psalm Reading**

Response: **My soul waits,  
and in God's word I hope...**

**Children's Time**

Joe Smucker

**Scripture Story (Part 1)**

Genesis 32:3-18

**Hymn HWB 74**

*We would extol thee*

**Scripture Story (Part 2)**

Genesis 33:1-9

**Meditation**

“if only”

Eric Massanari

**Quiet Reflection**

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

**Story of Forgiveness**

Paul Unruh

**Quiet Reflection**

**Hymn HWB 511**

*God, who touches earth*

### **Responding to the Word**

**Offering and 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**

**Hymn HWB 420**

*Heart with loving heart united*

**Benediction**

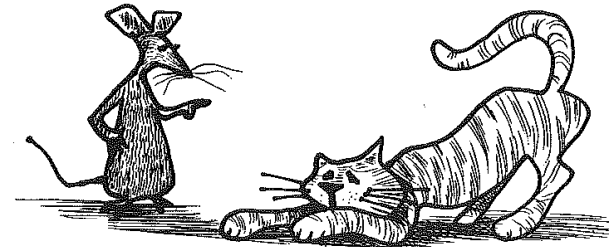
*Hearing devices are available from an usher or the sound booth.*

## Healing Process to Move Through Bargaining

1. Imagine yourself in the presence of someone who loves you, such as God, or your best friend.
2. Get in touch with a hurt and share all your feelings about the hurt with the one who loves you.
3. Write out the ideal letter of apology that you would want to receive from the person who hurt you.
4. Identify the one or two main needs contained in your letter.
5. Ask yourself how the person who hurt you or someone else could help you get what you need.
6. Take some deep breaths and fill yourself with life as you imagine yourself saying and doing whatever is necessary to get your needs met.

From *Don't Forgive Too Soon: Extending the Two Hands That Heal* by Dennis Linn, Sheila Fabricant Linn and Matthew Linn

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Greeters: Kelvin & Lisa Bartel, Brett & Marathana Prothro, Kristen Mayhue  
Musicians: Josue Coy Dick, Lela Mae Sawatzky, Anita Bohn, Jennifer Chappell Deckert and 4th grade musicians  
Visual Arts: Marlene Smucker  
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Pastors: Eric Massanari, Sara Dick  
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Church Moderator: Matt Schmidt

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**Sunday, April 28, 2013**

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.

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