

# Shalom Mennonite Church

September 29, 2013

## *Care of Creation*

*Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.*

-Genesis 2:9

### Gathering in God's Presence

#### Welcome & Special Announcements

Gerry Epp

#### Gathering Music and 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 based on Psalm 148, written by Nathan Peifer

Men and women, young and old, together in one voice

Praise God and exalt the Author of Life.

**Praise God in the highest heavens.**

**Praise God, all dwellers on the earth.**

God knit us together, and we were formed

God sustains us and enables us to grow.

**Praise God all you who seek to live in faithfulness.**

**Glorify God's name and join the loving community.**

Know that we are chosen by God, holy and beloved.

We are called into one body, the church of Jesus Christ.

**Let us draw close to God and to one another.**

**Let us join with all creation to worship God.**

#### Opening song HWB 46

*I sing the mighty power of God*

### Proclaiming the Word

#### Children's Time

Everett Bradley

#### First Reading

Gen. 2:5-9, 15-17

#### Hymn HWB 89

*For the beauty of the earth*

#### Second Reading

Psalm 104:10-18

#### Quiet Reflection

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

#### Meditation "The Religious Response to Climate Change"

Rabbi Moti Rieber

#### Quiet Reflection

#### Hymn of Response STJ 77

*The peace of the earth be with you*

### Responding to the Word

#### Offertory & Prayer

#### Blessing and Dedication of Sara Natalie Graber,

daughter of Elisabeth and Jeffrey Graber

#### Song HWB 580

*My life flows on*

#### Sharing Time and 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

Sara Dick

#### Sending Song HWB 427

*You shall go out with joy*

#### Benediction

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

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Rabbi Moti Rieber has served as Director of Kansas Interfaith Power & Light since March 2011. Ordained in 2004 at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Wyncote, Pennsylvania, Moti is a long-time activist on peace, social justice, and environmental issues, and brings a variety of pulpit and organizational experience to the work of Kansas IPL. He also serves as the rabbi of the Lawrence (KS) Jewish Community Congregation. He and his wife, Suzy, live with their three children in Overland Park.



Sunday, September 29, 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.

9:30 a.m.- Sunday School    10:45 a.m.- Worship  
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Visual Arts: Marlene Smucker  
Sound and Closing: David Kaufman  
Bulletin cover photo and slide show: Gregg Friesen

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Pastor: Sara Dick  
Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger  
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