

# Shalom Mennonite Church

November 17, 2013

## *Celebrating Shalom's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

*Look, I have set before you an open door,  
which no one is able to shut.  
-Revelation 3:8b*

### Gathering in God's Presence

**Welcome & Special Announcements** John McCabe-Juhnke

### **Gathering Music and Procession**

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God* by J. Bender

*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** (adapted from Psalm 118 by Edna Dyck)

With joy, let us declare that this is the day that the Lord has made.  
**Today is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and  
be glad.**

We praise our Creator God. In the first cry of a newborn child, in  
the sprouting of plants in spring, in the renewal of broken  
relationships, we see God's creative power at work.

**We acknowledge the many ways God creates and renews in  
our lives.**

The church as Christ's body also continues to grow and experience  
revitalization. We celebrate that growth in a special way today.

***Our Creator God, we thank you for the church and for growth and  
renewal in our midst. We acknowledge our dependence on your  
continuing presence and ask your blessing on our new church  
community. Amen.***

**Opening song HWB 71** *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

### Proclaiming the Word

**Children's Time** Sue Graber

**Scripture Reading** Revelation 2:1-7

**Hymn HWB 26** *Holy Spirit, come with power*

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

**Meditation** "Why did we start a new church?" Stan Bohn

**Quiet Reflection**

### Responding to the Word

**Hymn of Response HWB 366** *God of grace and God of glory*

**Offertory and Prayer** *If you but trust in God* by J.S. Bach

**Celebrating Our Life Together** Sara Dick

**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** Rob Burdette

**Sending Song** *Shalom song*

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