

Shalom Mennonite Church

April 20, 2014

Encountering God: What have we witnessed . . . in Jesus' empty tomb?

*Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?
Whom are you looking for?" - John 20:15a*

Gathering in God's Presence

Call to Worship

Let us rejoice, for the tomb has been found empty.

He is risen from the grave!

Let glad songs of victory rise up this Easter day.

He is risen from the grave!

Let us sound the trumpets in the house of the Lord!

Our Christ is not dead. He lives forevermore!

Let us stand in awe at what the Lord has done.

Share the good news: Christ is risen!

Let us rejoice in glad song!

Opening Song HWB 280

Christ the Lord is risen today

First Gospel Reading

John 20:1-10

Welcome and Prayer of Invocation

Becky Kindy

Hymn HWB 71

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

Proclaiming the Word

Confessing our Faith (see bulletin insert)

Second Gospel Reading

John 20:10-18

Children's Time

Kendra Neufeld

Hymn HWB 281

That Easter day with joy was bright

Epistle Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Quiet Reflection

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

Sermon

"Reunion"

Sara Dick

Quiet Reflection

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response HWB 277

I know that my Redeemer lives

Offertory and Prayer

Sharing Our Stories of New Life

Prayers of the People

Sending Song HWB 116

Crown him with many crowns

Benediction

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

Greeters: Anita & Stan Bohn, Connie & Kevin Regier,
Gary & Gloria Rediger

Musicians: Greta Hiebert, Greg Nickel, Karen Schlabaugh,
Sue Ann Jantz, Giovanna McQuillen Schnabel, Isaac Penner,
Andrew Thiesen, Connor Born, Shalom choir, Shalom orchestra

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Now God be praised that a door should creak,
And that a rusty hinge should shriek,
Of all sweet sounds that I may hear
Of lute or lyre or dulcimer,
None ever shall assail my ear
Sweet as the sound of a grating door
I had thought closed forevermore.
Out of my deep-plowed agony,
I turned to see a door swing free;
The very door he once came through
To death, now framed for us anew
His vital self, his and no other's
Live body of the dead, my brother's.
Like one who dreams within a dream,
Hand at my throat, lest I should scream,
I moved with hopeful, doubting pace
To meet the dead man face to face.

-Countee Cullen, excerpt from "The Black Christ"

Lent Banner in the sanctuary: The banner takes the shape of a cross, where the triumph of life is celebrated in a bright yellow circle that when intersected with the blue crossbar sprouts a green path of life from heaven to earth.

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 am - Sunday School 10:45 am - Worship
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