

Shalom Mennonite Church

May 11, 2014

Easter 4

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome & Special Announcements

Edna Dyck

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

Let us worship the eternal God, the Source of love and life,
who creates us.

Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us.

Let us worship the Spirit, the Holy Fire, who renews us.

*To the one true God be praise
in all times and places,
through the grace of Jesus Christ.*

Ruth C. Duck, in Touch Holiness, ed. by Ruth C. Duck
and Maren C. Tirabassi (Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 1990)

Invocation

Opening Hymn HWB 16

God is here among us

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture reading

Psalm

Hymn HWB 512

If all you want, Lord

Children's Time

Marv Zehr

Gospel reading

Luke 10:25-37

Quiet Reflection

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

Message

“The Hurt Man”

Allan Rudy-Froese

Quiet reflection

Responding to the Word

Hymn of response HWB 86

Now thank we all our God

Offertory and Prayer

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

Sending Song HWB 150

Wonderful grace of Jesus

Benediction

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

Greeters: Bob & Yvonne Bontrager, Lola Schmidt, Marlene & Stan Smucker

Musicians: Karen & Merle Schlabaugh

Visual Arts: Becky Kindy

Sound & Closing: Brett Prothro

Bulletin cover: Van Gogh, *The Good Samaritan*

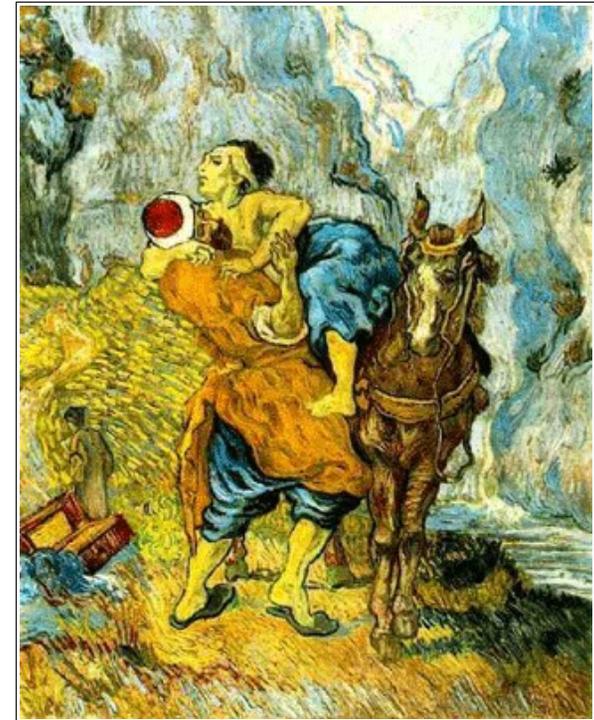
Pastor: Sara Dick

Transitional Pastor: Rob Burdette

Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger

Church Moderator: Barth Hague

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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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Sometimes our theological reflections on how hard the law is or how far from our capacity, as well as our political reflections on how hopeless it is to try to change the system, function as a sophisticated parlor game to keep us occupied while we are avoiding actually doing anything for anyone. If thinking globally paralyzes you or only functions as a training program in mental gymnastics, then, as Wendell Berry is supposed to have said, "Think locally; act locally." The word is local, as local as that fellow in the ditch or the rabbi who told his story. "The word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe" (Deut. 30:14; cf. Rom. 10:8).

Thoughts on biblical texts and preaching by Mary Hinkle Shore. 7/8/04

Our speaker today: **Allan Rudy-Froese**, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, blends a heart for the church, preparation in communicating the Good News of the gospel, and infectious humor to the ministry of teaching students how to communicate with diverse audiences in our current culture. His dissertation brings together homiletics, theology, biblical studies, and performance theory to bear on ethics and grace in Mennonite preaching. Research interests for Allan include Jonah as a source for narrative, poetic and missional preaching; preaching practice and theology among North American Mennonites and the changing landscape of preaching on ethical issues. Allan leads preaching workshops for lay preachers, serves as a coach for individual preachers, and leads seminars for those who preach in the context of para-church organizations, and conference and denominational leadership.