

Shalom Mennonite Church

August 31, 2014

The weight of discipleship: An Anabaptist/Mennonite look at commitment and covenant

“Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.”
Luke 14:27

Gathering in God’s Presence

Welcome & Special Announcements

Laurie Hesed

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.

Focus Statement “The medium is Christ whom no one can truly know unless they follow him in their life, and no one may follow him unless they have first known him.” — Hans Denck

Call to Worship

Leader: Our God, we gather to worship you,
the One who creates all things.

People: For the gift of creation, we give thanks.

Leader: We gather to worship you,
the One committed to us through a love that never ends.

People: For the gift of reconciliation, we give thanks.

Leader: We gather to worship you,
the One who continually seeks us by the Spirit.

People: For the gift of your presence, we give thanks.

Leader: We bring to you the offerings of our commitment--
thanks, praise, and awe are our gifts of love.

**ALL: We gather to worship you, Trinity of love:
God above us, God beside us, God beneath us;
the Beginning, the End, the Everlasting One. Amen.**

Modified from HWB 670

Prayer

Opening Song HWB 372

O healing river

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading

Luke 14: 25-33

Scripture passages are read in English and Spanish to reflect the community within and around Shalom.

Hymn STJ 89

I was there to hear your borning cry

Children’s Time

Peter Eash-Scott

Nursery care for young children is available after Children's Time till the end of the service.

Quiet Reflection

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

Meditation

“North of Delmar”

Rob Burdette

Quiet reflection

Responding to the Word

Artful Response

Laurie Hesed

Song of Response HWB 26

Holy Spirit, come with power

Communion

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 STJ 27

God of the Bible

Blessing

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

The Transitional Listening Team invites you to reflect on their recent compilations, editing and discernment drawn from your contributions gathered in our family meetings. Your feedback is encouraged.

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Purpose:

We are an Anabaptist Christian community that seeks to:

- *follow* Christ
- *embrace* God's creation and
- *grow* in the Spirit

Mission:

We risk love

Sara Dick
Kendra Neufeld
Stan Smucker
Martha Unruh Szambecki
Melanie Zuercher

Greeters: Senior High Youth, Melanie Zuercher
Musicians: Giovanna McQuillen Schnabel, Karen Schlabaugh
Spanish scripture reader: Emily Kerbs
Visual Arts: Joanna Fenton Friesen
Sound & Closing: Brett Prothro

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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