

Shalom Mennonite Church

September 21, 2014

The Promise of God's Reign

*And no one shall make them afraid;
Micah 4:4b*

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome & Special Announcements

Jeremy Kindy

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 (Psalm 133)

L: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**P: It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.**

L: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion

A: For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Prayer

Opening song STJ 18

Over my head

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:1-2, 9-21

Hymn HWB 407

We are people of God's peace

Children's Time

Zandra Sawatzky

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

Scripture Reading

Micah 4:1-4

Quiet Reflection

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

Sermon

“Ain't Gonna Study War No More”

Rob Burdette

Quiet reflection

Responding to the Word

Hymn of response

*Down by the Riverside
(Ain't Gonna Study War No More)*

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 77

The peace of the earth be with you

Benediction STJ 158

Blessing

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

The mission of the Church

3.4 Our Church is a Church of people who pray and serve. This prayer and service is prophetic, bearing the voice of God in the present and future. Everything that happens in our land, everyone who lives there, all the pains and hopes, all the injustice and all the efforts to stop this injustice, are part and parcel of the prayer of our Church and the service of all her institutions. Thanks be to God that our Church raises her voice against injustice despite the fact that some desire her to remain silent, closed in her religious devotions.

3.4.1 The mission of the Church is prophetic, to speak the Word of God courageously, honestly and lovingly in the local context and in the midst of daily events. If she does take sides, it is with the oppressed, to stand alongside them, just as Christ our Lord stood by the side of each poor person and each sinner, calling them to repentance, life and the restoration of the dignity bestowed on them by God and that no one has the right to strip away.

3.4.2 The mission of the Church is to proclaim the Kingdom of God, a kingdom of justice, peace and dignity. Our vocation as a living Church is to bear witness to the goodness of God and the dignity of human beings. We are called to pray and to make our voice heard when we announce a new society where human beings believe in their own dignity and the dignity of their adversaries.

Kairos Palestine <http://www.kairospalestine.ps/>

Greeters: Anita & Stan Bohn, Connie & Kevin Regier
Musicians: Karen & Merle Schlabaugh, Leland Brown
Visual Arts: Joanna Fenton Friesen
Sound & Closing: Greg Nickel
Bulletin Cover: *Let Us Beat Swords Into Plowshares* statue at the United Nations Headquarters, New York City. Photograph credit: Rodsan18.

Pastor: Sara Dick
Transitional Pastor: Rob Burdette
Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger
Church Moderator: Barth Hague

Peace Sunday 2014 *Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem*



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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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