

Shalom Mennonite Church

November 2, 2014

All Saints

*...these are they who have come out of the great ordeal;
Revelation 7:14b*

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome & Special Announcements

Jeannie Zehr

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 (based on Psalm 34)

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: My soul makes its boast in the Lord. Let the humble hear and be glad.

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me. Let us exalt his name together.

People: I sought the Lord, and he answered me. He delivered me from all my fears.

Leader: Look to the Lord, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

All: This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.

- L.G. Parkhurst, Jr. Teaching the Truth in Love

Prayer

Opening Hymn HWB 606

Oh, have you not heard

Proclaiming the Word

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

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

Children's Time

Peter Eash-Scott

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

Shalom Children's Choir

Prayer of Confession (insert)

The Vision of John

Revelation 7:9-17

Quiet Reflection

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

Sermon

"Who Is Able To Stand?"

Rob Burdette

Time of Remembrance

During this time you are invited to come forward to light a candle in memory of beloved ones who have died. If you have brought photographs or other mementos, please feel free to share these on the communion table.

Quiet reflection

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response HWB 615

Shall we gather at the river

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 616

Children of the heavenly father

Benediction

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

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“ . . . those we rightly revere are 'God's saints' in the sense that God creates them by grace. Men and women do not by sheer determination and self-discipline become saints. Sanctity is a divine gift. It is indeed the power of the resurrection at work in human lives. Thus commemorating the saints is nothing other than a way of affirming that the transformative power of Christ is at work all about us in human lives . . . We are saints because God's sanctity is at work in us, not because on our own we have come to great spiritual attainment. In exploring the lives of the historic saints, it is necessary to be thoroughly honest about their limitations and faults, for only in this way do we come to believe that God can also work in people around us and even in us, whose faults we know fully well.”

- Lawrence Hull Stookey



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Greeters: Dave & Mary Duerksen, Chuck & Cindy Regier
Musicians: Chris Dick, Greg Nickel
Spanish Scripture Reading: Zandra Sawatzky
Visual Arts: Joanna Fenton Friesen
Sound & Closing: David Kaufman

Pastor: Sara Dick
Transitional Pastor: Rob Burdette
Children's Choir Director: Abigail Christensen
Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger
Church Moderator: Barth Hague

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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