

Shalom Mennonite Church

August 30, 2015

Be Doers of the Word

To fulfill God's purpose, God gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of God's creation.

James 1:18 NRSV adapted.

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

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome & Special Announcements

Shari Thiessen

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

Leader: We come together as the church of Jesus Christ,
recognizing that our Lord lived and died,
not just for the church, but for all people,
God's highest creation.

People: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.

Leader: We also recognize that in God's great love,
we sense our need first to be loved
and thus to be turned around,
to face the needs of others.

People: We love, because God first loved us.

Leader: Let us love, then, so that we may be free of selfish desires,
liberated to strive for God's will.

**Unison: *Whatever we do to the least of God's family,
that we do to our Lord.***

-Willard E. Roth

Opening Song STJ 1

We sing to you, O God

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

Barb Goering

Nursery care for young children is available at this time until the end of the service.

Scripture Reading (see insert)

James 1:17-27

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

Hymn HWB 384

We give thee but thine own

Quiet Reflection

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

Meditation "Conscientization: God's Invitation to Life" Rob Burdette

Quiet Reflection

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response STJ 71

Alleluia, the Great Storm is over

Offering

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

Litany of Farewell (see insert)

Sending Song

Passing Through

Benediction

Welcoming Statement for Shalom Mennonite Church

We embrace all people in the name of Christ. Everyone is a unique creation in the image of God. We are an open and affirming congregation that seeks to follow Jesus. We welcome into full participation in the life and ministry of the church, people of every race, immigration status, culture, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, education, economic status, and life situation. We welcome diverse perspectives as we gather around God's table together.

Shalom Mennonite Church
9:30 am – Sunday School 10:45 am – Worship
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**To exist, humanly, is to name the world,
to change it. . . . Human beings are not
built in silence, but in word, in work,
in action-reflection.**

- Paulo Freire

Greeters: Melanie Krehbiel and Senior High Youth
Musicians: Greta Hiebert, Greg Nickel, Tom Szambecki
Spanish Scripture Reader: Sara Dick
Bulletin Cover Image: <http://restlesspilgrim.net/blog/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/outreach.jpg>
Visual Arts: Marla Sawatzky Rowe
Sound & Closing: Jeffrey Graber

Pastor: Sara Dick
Transitional Pastor: Rob Burdette
Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger
Congregational Board Chair: Barth Hague

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Following Jesus, we risk love



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