

# Shalom Mennonite Church

April 8, 2012

## Easter Sunday We Are Witnesses

*Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.*  
- Isaiah 25:8 (also quoted in Revelation 21:4)

### Gathering in God's Presence

#### Opening Gospel Reading

John 20:1-18

#### Opening Hymn HWB 285

*All hail the power of Jesus' name*

#### Call to Worship

We give thanks to the Lord who is good;  
whose steadfast love endures forever!

**The Lord is our strength and our might,  
and has become our salvation.**

***We give thanks to the Lord who has answered us  
and become our salvation.***

The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

***This is the Lord's doing;  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.***

#### Prayer

### Proclaiming the Word

#### Hymn HWB 614

*In the bulb there is a flower*

#### Children's Time

Barb Goering

#### Choir Anthem "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High" by Carl Schalk

#### First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

#### Quiet Reflection

*The periods of silence in our worship will begin and end with the ringing of a chime.*

#### Reading

Acts 10:34-43

#### Quiet Reflection

#### Meditation

"I have seen the Lord"

Sara Dick

#### A Feast of Celebration

#### Hymns

HWB 263

*The strife is o'er  
Thine is the glory*

HWB 269

### Responding to the Word

#### Offertory & Prayer "Spring" from *The Four Seasons* by Vivaldi

#### Sharing Time & 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

#### Blessing

#### Hymn HWB 105

*Christ, we do all adore thee*

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

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Greeters: Lola Schmidt, Marlene & Stan Smucker, Beth & Jon Piper

Scripture Readers: David Jantz, Chloe Woodward

Musicians: Karen Schlabbaugh, Anita Bohn, Emma Bradley,

Austin McCabe Juhnke, Shalom Choir

Visual arts: Joanna Fenton Friesen

Sound & Closing: John Thiessen

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Pastor: Eric Massanari

Associate Pastor: Sara Dick

Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger

Church Moderator: Matt Schmidt

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## Easter

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise  
Without delays,  
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise  
With him mayst rise;  
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,  
His life may make thee gold, and much more just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part  
With all thy art.  
The cross taught all wood to resound his name,  
Who bore the same.  
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key  
Is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song  
Pleasant and long;  
Or since all music is but three parts vied  
And multiplied;  
O let thy Spirit bear a part,  
And make up our defects with his sweet art.

- George Herbert

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9:30 a.m.- Sunday School    10:45 a.m.- Worship  
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