

Shalom Mennonite Church

May 13, 2012

No Greater Love Than This

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

JOHN 15:12-13

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Special Announcements

Gerry Epp

Gathering Music and Processional

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 (adapted from Psalm 98 and John 15)

Sing to God a new song,
for the miracle of life
renewed this very day.

We gather in the Presence of the One
whose justice is beyond our comprehension,
whose mercy is from beginning to end,
whose beauty is revealed in this moment and the next.

Sing to God a new song,
for the miracle of life
renewed this very day.

We gather in the Presence of the One
whose love is for friend and adversary,
for neighbor and stranger alike,
for all beings and all things.

You have been made for this great Love:
for its receiving,
and for its sharing.

*Sing to God a new song,
for the miracle of life
renewed this very day.*

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn STJ 3

Jesus calls us here to meet him

Proclaiming the Word

Reading

John 15:9-17

Children's Time

Sue Ann Jantz

Hymn STJ 13

My soul is filled with joy

Reading

Acts 10:44-48

Quiet Reflection

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

Meditation

"a disquieting command"

Eric Massanari

Quiet Reflection

Miren qué bueno

Hymn STJ 37

Responding to the Word

Offertory & Prayer

Recognition of Graduates

Giving Thanks for our Sunday School Teachers (see bulletin insert)

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

Sending Hymn STJ 77

The peace of the earth be with you

Benediction

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

Eighth Grade Graduates:

Aubrey Bartel, Reid Loganbill, Ben Nickel, Olivia Sailors
– Chisholm Middle School

High School Graduates:

Emma Bradley, Betti Fuhr, Charlotte Peine, Kyle Wiens
– Newton High School

College Graduates:

Erica Buller, Taylor McCabe-Juhnke, Roxanne Reimer,
Allison Schrag – Bethel College
Emily Kerbs – Wichita State University

Graduate School Graduates:

Megan Tyner, Master of Arts in Communications
– Wichita State University
Amy Huntley, Master of Social Work – University of Kansas
Elisabeth Graber, Master of Curriculum & Instruction
– Emporia State University

No Greater Love Than This**Sixth Sunday of Easter****May 13, 2012**

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.

Greeters: Lola Schmidt, Marlene & Stan Smucker, Lela Mae & Tim Sawatzky
Musicians: Brett Prothro, Tom Szambecki, and Greg Nickel
Sound and Closing: Jeffrey Graber

Pastor: Eric Massanari
Associate Pastor: Sara Dick
Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger
Church Moderator: Matt Schmidt

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