

# Shalom Mennonite Church

September 23, 2012

## *Seeking Peace Through Reconciliation*

*Grace to you and peace,  
through God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
Philemon v.3*

### Gathering in God's Presence

#### Welcome and Special Announcements

Sara Dick

#### Gathering Music

#### Psalm Reading

Psalm 34:14-18

#### Call to Worship

We seek peace.

**We pursue peace.**

Peace with our family,  
**peace with our neighbors,**  
peace with our friends,  
**peace with our enemies.**

We seek Christ.

**We pursue Christ.**

Who guides our feet,  
**who strengthens our legs,**  
*as we walk the difficult and holy path of peace.*

#### Prayer for Peace and Lighting of the Christ Lamp

#### Gathering Hymn HWB 16

*God is here among us*

### Proclaiming the Word

#### Children's Time

Karen McCabe-Juhnke

#### Hymn STJ 52

*Jesus, help us live in peace*

#### Scripture Reading

The Letter to Philemon from the Apostle Paul

#### Quiet Reflection

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

#### Meditation

"and bow to your partner"

Eric Massanari

*As long as we are on earth, the love that unites us will bring us suffering by our very contact with one another, because this love is a resetting of a Body of broken bones.*

Thomas Merton

#### Reflections on Reconciliation

Yolanda Kauffman

#### Quiet Reflection

#### Hymn STJ 59

*Come and fill our hearts*

### Responding to the Word

#### Offertory & Prayer

#### 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

#### Hymn HWB 430

*God be with you*

#### Sending Blessing

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

## *Seek Peace and Pursue It*

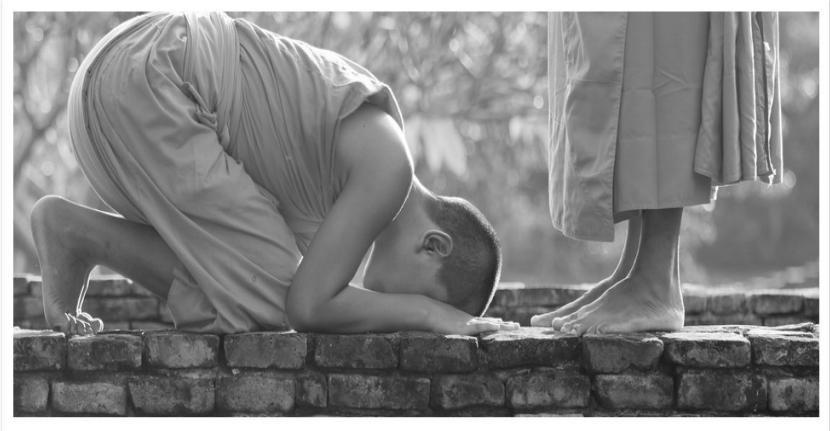
If another member of the community sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.

Matthew 18:15

One cannot lightly set out on the journey through conflict nor conduct it without a high cost. We see the pain and anguish in the encounters. In general we think about reconciliation as a single encounter bound to the time and place where enemies meet face to face...What happens [in reconciliation] is not neatly bound up in a single encounter. Along the way, encounters happen episodically, as metaphorical moments when we notice God's truth breaking into our lives...The journey through conflict toward reconciliation always involves turning to face oneself.

John Paul Lederach, in *The Journey Toward Reconciliation*

### **Part 4: Seeking Peace Through Reconciliation**



**Sunday, September 23, 2012**

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#### Participants in the Worship Service:

Greeters: Lisa & Kelvin Bartel, Kristen Mayhue, Marathana & Brett Prothro

Musicians: Martha Unruh, Yvonne Bontrager

Visual arts: Hanna Eastin

Sound System Operator/Closing: Greg Nickel

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Pastor: Eric Massanari

Associate Pastor: Sara Dick

Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger

Church Moderator: Matt Schmidt

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

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