

Shalom Mennonite Church

June 9, 2013

Hope

Happy are those whose help is the God of our ancestors, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever....

Psalm 146:5-6

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome & Special Announcements

Gregg Friesen

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 HWB 825

Psalm 146

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn HWB 37

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

Jennifer Chappell Deckert

First Reading

Galatians 1:11-24

Quiet Reflection

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

Hymn STJ 101

La Ténèbre

Second Reading

Luke 7:11-17

Quiet Reflection

Meditation

"beyond our expectations"

Eric Massanari

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

- Psalm 27:13

Quiet Reflection

Hymn HWB 343

My hope is built on nothing less

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 STJ 42

Listen, God is calling

Benediction

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

Greeters: Bob & Yvonne Bontrager, Lola Schmidt, Marlene & Stan Smucker

Musicians: Laurel Woodward, Don Woodward, Chloe Woodward, Greg Nickel

Visual Arts: Yvonne Bontrager, Ruth Epp

Sound & Closing: John Thiesen

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Pastors: Eric Massanari, Sara Dick

Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger

Church Moderator: Matt Schmidt

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Creator God
Author and maker of all that is
God of goodness, grace, and love

Like your followers of old
Our outer nature is wasting away
We seem impotent in the face of hate, violence, and war

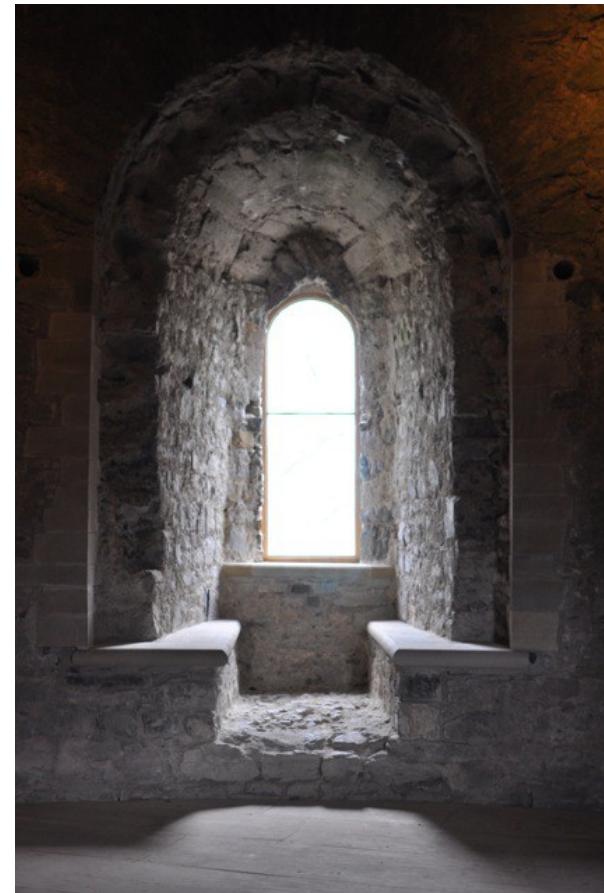
In our weakness and confusion
We are often in retreat or in hiding
Even as we cry out to you for redemption and life

Today we once again hear your call, "Follow me"
And with your grace washing over us
And your Spirit guiding and strengthening us

We claim our full inheritance as your daughters and sons
Offering all that we are and have to you
Because we are yours alone we do not lose heart

We rise up and claim the strength that only you can give
To begin living a new life of integrity and faithfulness
In confidence and trust in your sustaining grace

- Reuben Job



Sunday, June 9, 2013

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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