

Shalom Mennonite Church

July 27, 2014

God With Us — Patient and Persistent

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome & Special Announcements

Stan Smucker

Gathering Music & Procession

Call to Worship

1: Creator of the world, eternal God,
ALL: *we have come from many places for a little while.*
1: We are the body of Christ.
2: Somos el cuerpo de Cristo.
3: Kan za te Krih ah pum khat kan si.
1: Redeemer of humanity, God-with-us,
ALL: *we have come with all our differences, seeking common ground.*
1: We are the body of Christ.
2: Somos el cuerpo de Cristo.
3: Kan za te Krih ah pum khat kan si.
1: Spirit of unity, go-between God,
ALL: *We have come on journeys of our own, to a place where journeys meet.*
1: We are the body of Christ.
2: Somos el cuerpo de Cristo.
3: Kan za te Krih ah pum khat kan si.
1: So here, in this house of worship and Word,
 food and fellowship,
 this center for work and rejuvenation,
 let us take time together.
For when paths cross and God's children gather,
 there is much to share and celebrate.
ALL: *We are the body of Christ. In your name,
 three-in-one God, pattern of community. Amen.**

Opening song STJ 112

I owe my Lord a morning song

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading: "A brisk telling of God's grand story" (written by Brad Roth, pastor at West Zion Mennonite Church, Moundridge, Kan.)

Children's Time

Marlene Smucker

Hymn HWB 315

This is a story full of love

Quiet Reflection

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

Meditations on the Gospel in Western District Conference

Honoring Gilberto Flores and a new church-planting commission

Stan Smucker

Alleluia HWB 101

A resolution from Rainbow Mennonite Church and the Discernment Task Force

Sara Dick

Quiet Reflection

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response HWB 26

Holy Spirit, come with power

Offertory and Prayer

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

Sending Song HWB 338

I know not why God's wondrous

Benediction

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

*A Litany of Unity & Celebration (adapted from Iona Abbey Worship Book, Wild Goose Publications, 2001, by Rachel Epp Miller, pastor at San Antonio Mennonite Church; Blanca Vargas, pastor at Iglesia Menonita Comunidad de Vida in San Antonio, Tex.; Simon Lian Hmung Tlumang, pastor at Chin Emmanuel Church in Houston, Tex.)

Identity:

Western District Conference (WDC) is a regional grouping of congregations in the Mennonite Church USA denomination. WDC is composed of congregations located in Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

Western District Conference empowers Anabaptist/Mennonite congregations to:

- Witness & invite others to faith in Jesus Christ,
- Dwell in just & loving relationships,
- Connect to God's mission in the world.

Core Tasks:

- Sustaining Transformational Pastors
- Resourcing Healthy, Missional Churches
- Networking Anabaptist Church Planting Partnerships

Shalom Delegates at WDC Assembly 2014: Jeannie Zehr, Marv Zehr, Marlene Smucker, Stan Smucker, Sara Dick

Greeters: Brett & Marathana Prothro, Dick & Mary Rempel, Kristen Mayhue

Musicians: Anita Bohn, Chris Dick

Visual Arts: Yvonne Bontrager

Scripture readers: John McCabe-Juhnke, Ellie Bradley, Jeannie Zehr

Sound & Closing: David Kaufman

Pastor: Sara Dick

Transitional Pastor: Rob Burdette

Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger

Church Moderator: Barth Hague

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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 am - Sunday School 10:45 am - Worship
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