

Shalom Mennonite Church

March 6, 2016

Lent 4 Turning Over a new Leaf

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

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome

Laurie Hesed

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

Poem by Laurie Hesed

Prayer

"Inviting Space"

Gunilla Norris

Hymn HWB 592

Love divine, all loves excelling

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

Everett Bradley, Carl Cash, & Lisa Otter

Nursery care for young children is available through the end of the service.

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:11-32

Hymn STJ 27

God of the Bible (verses 1 & 4)

Confession

Based on Psalm 32

Leader: Happiness comes from having our rebellion taken away from having our failure completely covered, Happiness comes from YHWH not counting your mistakes, from having nothing to hide.

Response: When I kept it all inside, my bones turned to powder
my words became daylong groans.
The pressure never let up;
Finally, I admitted my sin to you
and stopped hiding my guilt.
Then I let it all out;
Suddenly the pressure was gone—
my guilt dissolved, my sin disappeared.

Assurance

By Henri J. M. Nouwen

Quiet Reflection

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

Sermon

Rachel Ringenberg Miller

Quiet Reflection

Responding to the Word

Ritual of Response: Letting go

Hymn HWB 491

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling

Gathering our Gifts

Sharing Time and Introductions

During this time in the service we welcome visitors, invite responses to the worship service, hear about the work of our Ministry Teams, and share prayer concerns and joys. Please sign the Welcome Pages (black books) in the pews so we can learn each other's names.

Prayers of the People

Going Forth to Serve

Sharing Our Joyful Work

Hymn HWB 362

Help us to help each other

Benediction

"Thirst"

By Mary Oliver

Welcoming Statement for Shalom Mennonite Church

We embrace all people in the name of Christ. Everyone is a unique creation in the image of God. We are an open and affirming congregation that seeks to follow Jesus. We welcome into full participation in the life and ministry of the church, people of every race, immigration status, culture, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, education, economic status, and life situation. We welcome diverse perspectives as we gather around God's table together.

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9:30 am – Sunday School

10:45 am – Worship

Upcoming Services

March 13 – Lent 5 An Unexpected Twist: **Sara Dick** will be preaching on John 12:1-8.

March 20 – Lent 6 The Plot Thickens: **Sara Wenger Shenk**, president of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, will be our guest preacher.

March 24 – Maundy Thursday Service including a meal, footwashing, and communion begins at 6 pm.

March 27 – Easter Sunday join us for sunrise service at 7 am, breakfast potluck at 9 am, and worship at 10:45 am with **Rachel Ringenberg Miller** preaching on John 20:1-8.

Greeters: David & Mary Duerksen, Stan & Marlene Smucker

Nursery Workers: Andi Schmidt Andres, Abby Schmidt

Musicians: Giovanna McQuillen Schnabel, Lela Mae Sawatzky

Visual Arts: Jason Miller

Sound & Closing: David Kaufman

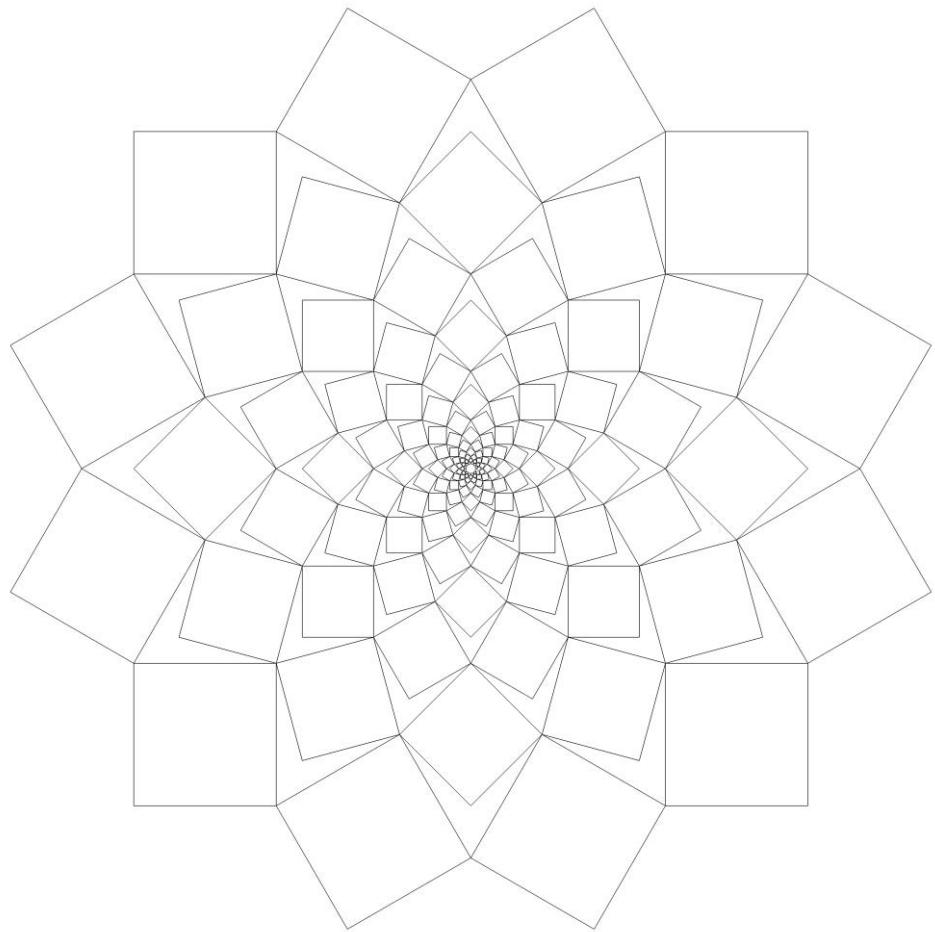
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