

*Visitors: Welcome to Shalom! Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship. If you would like to be on our mailing list or be contacted by someone on pastoral team, please send your name and email to [office@shalommc.org](mailto:office@shalommc.org).*

*Large-print hymnals and hearing assistance devices are available on (or near) the hymnal cart.*

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Shalom Mennonite Congregation is a welcoming and inclusive community rooted in Jesus' radical call to love, justice, and peace.

We seek to grow our welcome and inclusion as we deepen our spirituality, build meaningful relationships, work for peace and social justice, and cultivate diverse community connections.

Visit our website at [shalommc.org/vision](http://shalommc.org/vision) to find out more about who we are, what we do, and what we strive for. You can also read there about our commitment statements regarding inclusion of people who identify as LGBTQIA+, and our policy and practices around maintaining an environment that protects children from abuse.

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**Staff:** Brian Bolton, Pastor; Elizabeth Fletchall, Admin. Assistant; Carrie Yoder, Nursery & Safe Congregation Policy Administrator; Jaime Miller, Sunday Set-up Supervisor

**Administrative Council & Congregational Chair:** Anne Martin

Please contact any member of the Safe Congregation Team if you have questions or concerns regarding inappropriate sexual conduct, violence, intimidation, or physical abuse by child-care workers, teachers, or others in the congregation: Kate Clark, 810-1067; Ross Erb, 435-0350; Anne Martin, 432-1086; Brian Bolton, 830-8381.

**Formation classes** begin at 9 a.m. | **Worship** is at 10 a.m. (A staffed nursery is available for children ages 0-5 in room 158, and changing tables are available in the bathrooms.) | **Fellowship** follows worship at ~11:15 a.m.



## Shalom Mennonite Congregation

March 8, 2020 | Second Sunday in Lent

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*Of two men who have no experience of God, he who denies him is perhaps nearer to him than the other.*

~Simone Weil, *Gravity and Grace*. 1947

## GATHERING

### Centering Bell

### Gathering Song

*We praise thee, O God*

HWB 99  
vv. 1-2, 4-5

### Welcome

### Call to Worship

### Hymns

*Water has held us* STJ 82  
*Spirit of God in the clear running water* insert

## HEARING THE WORD

### Scripture Reading

John 3:1-17

### Children's Time

### Hymn

*Long before my journey's start* STJ 36

### Sermon

## RESPONDING

### Hymn

*Come to me, come to us* STS 60

### Prayers of the People

*Loving God, we offer you our prayer*

### Passing the Peace

*Peace before us* STS 16

### Offering

*Enemy of Apathy* by John Bell

She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters,  
Hovering on the chaos of the world's first day;  
She sighs and she sings, mothering creation,  
Waiting to give birth to all the Word will say.

She wings over earth, resting where she wishes,  
Lighting close at hand or soaring through the skies;  
She nests in the womb, welcoming each wonder,  
Nourishing potential hidden to our eyes.

She dances in fire, startling her spectators,  
Waking tongues of ecstasy where dumbness reigned;  
She weans and inspires all whose hearts are open,  
Nor can she be captured, silenced or restrained.

For she is the Spirit, one with God in essence,  
Gifted by the Saviour in eternal love;

She is the key opening the scriptures,  
Enemy of apathy and heavenly dove.

## SENDING

### Introductions & Announcements

### Benediction

**TODAY** Speaker: *Brian Bolton*; Worship Leader: *Seth Stauffer*;  
Music Leader: *Marci Frederick*; Children's Time: *Krista Showalter Ehst*; Visuals: *Ruby Friesen Zehr*

### Calendar | Upcoming Speakers and Events

**Mar. 15** Krista Showalter Ehst

**Mar. 22** Brian Bolton | Child Blessings  
for Elias Bolton, Séraphine Makalele

**Mar. 29** Brian Bolton

**Apr. 5** Palm Sunday

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Many hands make light work!** Hospitality committee would like to remind you that there is a ***new procedure for coffee cleanup***. After you are finished with your coffee, please use the bins provided to wash, rinse, and sanitize your cup. Then use the towels to dry your cup and place it back on the blue tray. Prefer a more rigorous washing process? Make sure to bring your own cup from home!

**Worship and Mixed Forest during Lent** will slightly shift our inclusion and focus toward the theme "An Unexpected Welcome," with each Sunday's lectionary texts framing something different and challenging that we can seek to welcome into our lives—resistance, unbelief, gender, dis/ability, and aging and dying.

**Interested in the practice of meditation and contemplative prayer?** Running through the duration of Lent, there will be an additional formation hour opportunity for those interested in learning or deepening a meditation practice. Each morning will consist of a short teaching, 20 minutes of guided meditation, and some time for questions and reflections. Carrie Dengler Wenger will serve as our guide and will help us explore how meditation can serve

as a personal practice for cultivating inclusion. We will meet in the library. Beginning and experienced meditators are all welcome! Contact Carrie at [denglerwenger@gmail.com](mailto:denglerwenger@gmail.com) with questions.

**Shalom wishes to support students attending Eastern Mennonite School (K-12) by participating in a tuition grant program.** This is an opportunity to preserve and promote the values, traditions, and perspectives of the Mennonite Church. If you are interested in contributing you can do so by **writing a separate check with “EMS Fund”** in the memo line and either mail it to the office or include it in the regular offering on Sunday. **For information and the application for EMS families, please see the e-newsletter.**

**Budget Report | March 1** (Attendance: 111)

ACTUAL		BUDGETED	
Weekly Offering	\$2,996.00	Weekly Offering	\$3,648.58
March	\$2,996.00	Avg. Monthly	\$15,810.52
YTD	\$34,559.25	YTD	\$32,837.23
EMS Fund	\$0.00		

**VOLUNTEERS**

**Today**

**Next Sunday**

<b>Offering &amp; Mic-Setup</b>	<i>David Yoder and Jay Landis</i>	<i>Marty Showalter and Clara Yoder</i>
<b>Snack Schedule</b>	<i>Mary Jean Cross</i>	<i>Barbara Moyer Lehman</i>
<b>Coffee Clean-up</b>	<i>Mary Jean Cross and Tammy Krause</i>	<i>Marty Showalter and Tammy Krause</i>
<b>Compost Wrangler</b>	<i>John Asa Hertzler</i>	<i>John Asa Hertzler</i>
<b>Greeters</b>	<i>Mary Jean Cross</i>	<i>Suzi Martinez Carter</i>
<b>Nursery schedule</b>	<i>Paid child care</i>	<i>Paid child care</i>
<b>Acorns (PreK)</b>	<i>Susan Godshall</i>	<i>Mary Jo Swartzendruber</i>
<b>Sprouts (K-5<sup>th</sup>)</b>	<i>Tim Gosshall and Judy Yoder</i>	<i>Daniel Showalter and James Ward</i>
<b>Mixed Forest (6<sup>th</sup> through Elders)</b>	<i>An Unexpected Welcome</i>	<i>An Unexpected Welcome</i>

# Spirit of God in the Clear Running Water

*The wind bloweth where it listeth . . . so is every one that is born of the Spirit. John 3:8*

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Miriam Therese Winter, 1965

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1. Spir - it of God in the clear run - ning wa - ter, Blow - ing to great - ness the  
 2. Down in the mead - ow the wil - lows are moan - ing, Sheep in the pas - ture - land  
 3. I saw the scar of a year that lay dy - ing, Heard the la - ment of a  
 4. Spir - it of God, ev - ery - one's heart is lone - ly, Watch - ing and wait - ing and

trees on the hill - Spir - it of God in the fin - ger of morn - ing,  
 can - not lie still; Spir - it of God, cre - a - tion is groan - ing -  
 lone whip - poor - will; Spir - it of God, see that cloud cry - ing -  
 hun - gry un - til - Spir - it of God, we long that you on - ly Ful -

Fill the earth, bring it to birth, And blow where You will.  
 Fill the earth, bring it to birth, And blow where You will.  
 Fill the earth, bring it to birth, And blow where You will.  
 fill the earth, bring it to birth, And blow where You will.

Blow, blow, blow till I be But breath of the Spir - it blow - ing in me.

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