



Shalom Mennonite Congregation

January 03, 2021 | Shalom-at-Home #42

Marci Frederick, Worship Leader

Stan Godshall, Music Leader

Hannah Kelley, Children's Time

Brian Bolton, Speaker

Carrie Yoder, Zoom Host

GATHERING

Centering Bell

Gathering Song *Go tell it on the mountain*

Welcome & Call to Worship

Lighting the Candle of Love

One: Watch! Wait! The day of God is at hand!

People: Like the bud on a tree, God's possibilities are about to blossom!

One: Stay awake! The reign of God is very near.

People: We are here, watching and waiting with hope.

All: May God bring justice to all people on this day. May God's reign come on earth as in heaven.

Hymn

Hope is a candle

STS 15

Arise, your light is come!

STS 30

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture

Luke 2:21-40

Children's Time

Sermon

RESPONDING

Hymn

With Mary Sing Magnificat

Prayers of the People

Offering

Poor of the earth

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

Benediction

BreakOut Groups – an optional opportunity to talk for a few minutes with others gathered on the following prompts.

1) Tell us your name(s) and where you are

- 2) What has been one good thing and one challenging thing about this experience in the past week?
- 3) Closing thought, prayers or pass the peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Voices Together: New Hymnal

We are eagerly waiting to receive our new Mennonite Hymnals in the mail, and plan to make them available to you to begin using at home when they arrive. In the meantime, you can purchase a four volume set of recordings or even get a digital copy of the hymnal available now for iPads. More at voicestogetherhymnal.org

Curriculum Kits

Paper curriculum kits for age 2 to grade 5 are being distributed monthly to any families who request them. They follow the narrative lectionary scriptures used in worship. If your family would like to receive them and haven't requested yet, please fill out the [Curriculum Kit Request Form](#) by January 20 to receive February's kit. Contact [Carrie Wenger](#) with questions.

Upcoming Birthdays:

Monique Mutombo – Jan 4
Carol Schirch – Jan 4
Virginia Showalter – Jan 12

Budget Report | December 27, 2020

ACTUAL		BUDGETED	
Weekly Offering	\$2,576.28	Weekly Offering	\$3,648.58
December	\$15,700.82	Avg. Monthly	\$15,810.52
YTD	\$169,336.73	YTD	\$189,726.23

Regular offering, as well as donations to other funds can all be made online at <https://shalommc.breezechms.com/give/online> as well as mailed into EMU, Campus Box 8, Harrisonburg, VA, 22802

Visitors: Welcome to Shalom-at-Home! 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.

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 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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Go, tell it on the mountain

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. [Refrain]

The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. [Refrain]

Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]

Hope is a candle

GALLOWAY TAM 11 10. 11 8



1 Hope is a can - dle, once lit by the proph - ets,
 2 Peace is a can - dle to show us a path - way,
 3 Love is a can - dle whose light makes a cir - cle,
 4 Joy is a can - dle of mys - t'ry and laugh - ter,
 5 Christ is the light that the proph - ets a - wait - ed,



1 nev - er con - sumed, though it burns through the years;
 2 threat - ened by gusts from our rage and our greed.
 3 where ev - 'ry face is the face of a friend.
 4 mys - t'ry of light that is born in the dark;
 5 Christ is the li - on, the lamb, and the child.



1 dim in the day - light of pow - er and priv - i - lege—
 2 Friend, feel no en - vy for those in the shad - ows—
 3 Wid - en the cir - cle by shar - ing and giv - ing—
 4 laugh - ter at hear - ing the voice of an an - gel,
 5 Christ is the love and the mys - t'ry and laugh - ter—



1 when they are gone, hope will shine on.
 2 vio - lence and force their dead - end course.
 3 God's ho - ly dare: love ev - ery - where.
 4 ev - er so near, cast - ing out fear.
 5 can - dles, make way! Christ is the day.

30 Arise, your light is come!

FESTAL SONG SM

Descant, verse 4

4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song! Rise up!

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!

Rise up like ea-gles on the wing; God's pow'r will make us strong.

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro-ken-heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea-gles on the wing; God's pow'r will make us strong.

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Poor of the Earth

WAYFARING STRANGER 9.8.9.8D



1 Poor of the earth, I am a shep-herd; in rug-ged
 2 An - oth - er dawn, the sun be - fore me, an - oth - er
 3 With each new day, I pause in won - der, to look at
 4 This day is done, my prayers un - an - swered, once more I



fields, I make my home. Yet I at - tend the words of
 day to bide and watch. I trust in God and I am
 Beth - le - hem a - far. From this small town will come a
 sigh as dark - ness falls. Your will be done, I must be



proph - ets, and I can hope. How will I know?
 wait - ng. Day fol - lows day. How will I know?
 sav - ior, born in our midst. How will I know?
 pa - tient; I long for news. How will I know?



Sprung from the roots, the line of Jes - se, will come one
 The nights are cold; I do not mind them, my lambs rest
 When time is right, God, share your pur - pose; rul - ers and
 My bones are tired, my soul is hun - gry, my ston - y



cho - sen for us all. The proph - et's songs fore - tell a
 safe with - in my care. Com - pan - ion moon is night - ly
 kings, they must be told. I live a - part. I wait in
 bed a - waits me now. Do not for - get your faith - ful



lead - er— a vir - gin's child. How will I know?
 chang - ing; my con - stant God: How will I know?
 si - lence. Who will tell me? How will I know?
 shep - herd. Per - haps to - night. How will I know?

