



Shalom Mennonite Congregation

February 28, 2021 | Shalom-at-Home #50

Pete Barlow, Worship Leader

Stan Godshall, Music Leader

Hannah Mack Boll, Children's Time

Carrie Dengler Wenger, Speaker

Hannah Kelley, Prayers of the People

Carrie Yoder, Zoom Host

GATHERING

Centering Bell

Land Acknowledgement

Gathering Song *Praise with Joy the World's Creator* VT 428

Welcome & Call to Worship

Hymn *Ask the Complicated Questions* VT 440

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Time *The Carrot Seed* by Ruth Krauss

Scripture Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

Sermon What's the Story?

RESPONDING

Hymn *I want Jesus to Walk with Me* VT 306

Prayers of the People

Offering *God of the Bible* VT 420

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

Benediction

Break-Out 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

Greetings from the Hospitality Team! Our first event of 2021!

We're feeling like it's soon going to be warm enough to get together outside and so we're signing people up for our first event of 2021. On the afternoon/evening of **March 20th** (the vernal equinox!), we'll be hosting (well, you'll be hosting) a "**guess who's coming to the fire ring.**" This is a way for us all to shake up the people who end up around our Covid fire rings.

The Idea: One way we might be social that feels safe for most. Just like the meals we have done in the past, in the vein of "guess who's coming to dinner," we'll have hosts (who will host people around a fire ring or something similar) and guests (who will show up at said hosts' places). All gatherings will be outside and all participants should have masks. Hosts will not have food for everyone (for extra safety), but participants could bring their own food or drink.

The Details: March 20 in the afternoon sometime (we'll narrow this down soon)

There are **several ways you can participate**. You can sign-up as a "host (only)." You can sign up as a "guest (only)." Or you decide that you would be willing to do either and sign up as a "guest or host." With this data, we'll organize the participants into gatherings - sizes determined by host preference and overall participation.

Each participant needs to sign up on the google sheet sign-up form that we've shared through this [link](#). Please fill in all columns of data. (If this doesn't work for you, email Tim Showalter Ehst at showalterehst@gmail.com to get your name on the list.) **Please sign up by Saturday March 6.**

Any questions should be directed to [Tim Showalter Ehst](#) or other Hospitality Team members. Thanks for considering this!

Volunteers needed for Shalom Habitat Project: We are now scheduling volunteers to frame the Habitat Faith Build house for the week of March 8. [Click here for more information about the project and to sign up to help on site](#) - all skill levels needed.

More information will follow about a sign-up to help with food. Contact Tim Godshall with any questions related to the project (timgodshall@gmail.com or 908-8194)

Lent: The Unexpected Journey

Our worship follows a series of stories with unexpected turns as Jesus journeys toward Jerusalem and parallels our own unexpected journeys in these days. Announcements below and up to date information can be found on the [Lent 2021 information page](#)

Upcoming Birthdays:

Mattie Marie Mast – Feb 28
Erin Williams – Mar 1
Jay Landis – Mar 3
Azin Robles – Mar 4
Arlene Wiens – Mar 5
Mona Showalter Ehst – Mar 6
Emily Hershberger – Mar 7

Budget Report | February 21, 2021

<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>BUDGETED</u>	
Weekly Offering	\$4,701.62	Weekly Offering	\$4,359.64
February	\$9,122.67	Avg. Monthly	\$18,891.79
YTD	\$23,384.39	YTD	\$34,877.15

*Offering for Bridge of Hope \$100
Offering for Patchwork Pantry \$51.80

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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Staff: Brian Bolton, Pastor; Carrie Yoder, Communications Specialist, Nursery & Safe Congregation Policy Administrator; Jooyeon Kim, Bookkeeper; Carrie Dengler Wenger, Ministry Intern

Administrative Council & Congregational Chair: Cathy Smeltzer Erb

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: Ross Erb, 435-0350; Anne Martin, 432-1086; Brian Bolton, 830-8381.

Praise with Joy the World's Creator 428

LAUDA ANIMA 8.7.8.7.8.7

D A D A G D G D G A

1 Praise with joy the world's Cre - a - tor, God of jus - tice,
 2 Praise to Christ who feeds the hun - gry, frees the cap - tive,
 3 Praise the Spir - it sent a - mong us, lib - er - at - ing
 4 Praise the Mak - er, Christ, and Spir - it, one God in com -

Bm Em A F# Bm B7 E7sus Fdim7

love, and peace, source and end of hu - man knowl - edge,
 finds the lost, heals the sick, up - sets re - li - gion,
 truth from pride, forg - ing bonds where race or gen - der,
 mu - ni - ty, call - ing Chris - tians to em - bod - y

F#m E A D Bm E A D G A

God whose grace shall nev - er cease. Cel - e - brate the
 fear - less both of fate and cost. Cel - e - brate Christ's
 age or na - tion dare di - vide. Cel - e - brate the
 one - ness and di - ver - si - ty. This the world shall

Bm A7 Bm A G Em D A D

Mak - er's glo - ry— pow'r to res - cue and re - lease.
 con - stant pres - ence— friend and strang - er, guest and host.
 Spir - it's trea - sure— fool - ish - ness none dare de - ride.
 see re - flect - ed: God is One and One in Three.

Alternate tune: REGENT SQUARE (#265 or #705)

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 Music: John Coss (England), *The Supplemental Hymn and Tune Book*, 1869

Ask the Complicated Questions 440

McRAE 8.7.8.7

Em Am B Em

1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions; do not
 2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers; fol - low
 3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as, test as -
 4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er truth both

G D G C D G Am Bm

fear to be found out, for our God makes strong our
 where the Spir - it blows, test com - pet - ing truths for
 sump - tions long grown stale, for Christ calls from shores of
 sim - ple and pro - found: in the knock - ing, ask - ing,

Am C Em/B B Em

weak - ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.
 wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.
 won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.
 seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

E A B7 E D A F#m

brate with songs of praise, for Christ, by whom all things
 God who gave the law. And to E - li - jah, fast -
 from the li - on's might. And John, the Sav - ior's friend,
 fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en with

A D A D E A

were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 ing, came the steed and char - i - ots of flame.
 be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me 306

SOJOURNER 8.8.8.9

Dm A7 Dm A7 Dm Gm Dm F C7

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me. I want Je - sus
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me. In my tri - als,
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me. When I'm in trou - ble,

F Dm A Dm A7 Dm Edim C7

to walk with me. All a - long my pil - grim
 Lord, walk with me. When my heart is al - most
 Lord, walk with me. When my head is bowed in

Dm Bb Dm A7 Dm Gm Dm

jour - ney, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 break - ing, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 sor - row, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.



God of the Bible

FRESH AS THE MORNING 5.5.5.4.5.5.5.4 with refrain

D A/C# G/B D Bm

1 God of the Bi - ble, God in the gos - pel, hope seen in
 2 God in our strug - gles, God in our hun - ger, suf - fer - ing
 3 Those with - out sta - tus, those who are noth - ing, you have made
 4 Not by your fin - ger, not by your an - ger will our world
 5 Hope we must car - ry, shin - ing and cer - tain through all our

D/F# Em A Bm D/A G

Je - sus, hope yet to come, you are our cen - ter, day - light or
 with us, tak - ing our part, still you em - pow' r us, moth - er - ing
 roy - al, gift - ed with rights, cho - sen as part - ners, mid - wives of
 or - der change in a day, but by your peo - ple, fear - less and
 tur - moil, ter - ror and loss, bond - ing us glad - ly one to the

D Em D/F# G Asus A

dark - ness, free - dom or pris - on, you are our home.
 Spir - it, feed - ing, sus - tain - ing, from your own heart.
 jus - tice, birth - ing new sys - tems, light - ing new lights.
 faith - ful, small pa - per lan - terns, light - ing the way.
 oth - er, till our world chang - es, fac - ing the cross.



CONFESSING FAITH

Refrain D A/D G/D D Em D/F#

Soprano (Melody)

Fresh as the morn - ing, sure as the sun - rise, God al - ways faith - ful,

Alto

Fresh as the sun - rise, al - ways faith - ful,

Tenor/Bass

Em A D A/D G/D D

you do not change. Fresh as the morn - ing, sure as the sun - rise,

you do not change. Fresh as the sun - rise,

Em D/F# G/A D A/D

God al - ways faith - ful, you do not change.

al - ways faith - ful, you do not change.

G/D D A/D G/D D