



Shalom Mennonite Congregation

March 7, 2021 | Shalom-at-Home #51

Katie Mansfield, Worship Leader
Barbara Moyer Lehman, Music Leader
Kirsten Beachy, Children's Time
Krista Showalter Ehst, Speaker
Brian Bolton, Prayers of the People
Carrie Dengler Wenger, Zoom Host

GATHERING

Centering Bell

Gathering Song

This is God's Wondrous World

VT 180

Land Acknowledgement, Welcome & Call to Worship

(From Maya Angelou's "On the Pulse of Morning")

History, despite its wrenching pain,
Cannot be unlived, and if faced
With courage, need not be lived again.

**Lift up your eyes upon
The day breaking for you.**

**Give birth again
To the dream.**

(And from Wendell Berry's "Manifesto: Mad Farmer Liberation Front")

As soon as the generals and the politicians
can predict the motions of your mind,
lose it.

Leave it as a sign
to mark the false trail, the way
you didn't go. Be like the fox
who makes more tracks than necessary,
some in the wrong direction.
Practice resurrection.

Let us, together and alone
Give birth again to the dream.

Let us, alone and together,
practice resurrection.

Hymn

Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us

VT 718

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture

Luke 15:1-32

Children's Time

Sermon

RESPONDING

Hymn

God Lights a Lamp

VT 299

Prayers of the People

Offering

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

Benediction

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Hymn

God, Be with Us

VT 613

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!

Shalom Habitat Project

We still have some volunteer slots open for framing next week, particularly on Friday the 12th and Saturday the 13th. [Click here for more information about the project and to sign up to help on site](#) - all skill levels needed. 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](#)

Blessing the Habitat House we are helping to build

On Sunday afternoon, March 21 there will be a blessing of the Habitat house that is located just south of 3rd Street on Virginia Ave. They will have time to write blessings and well-wishes on the framing boards. Social distancing and safety measures will be observed. If you would like to attend please email millerlauriew@gmail.com by March 12 so that we know how to space people out. Details about the exact time will come later.

What if someone wants to give a blessing but not attend?

If you can not attend but would like to contribute, you can write your blessings on sticky-note sized papers and we will staple these to the boards for you. Other options would be for children to draw pictures on large paper or others could write letters to the families. All of these can be taken to Earl Martin's house. Earl will deliver them to the duplex and the Habitat Office will then present them to the families at the dedication of their home for them to keep and look back on in the future.

Upcoming Birthdays:

Emily Hershberger – Mar 7

Rachel Herr – Mar 8

Seth Shantz – Mar 8

Burton Buller – Mar 9

Rachel Jenner – Mar 9

Emilia Ozuna Barge – Mar 9

Reed Shristi – Mar 10

Elias Bolton – Mar 11
Mim Godshall – Mar 11
Irene Beachy Alderfer – Mar 13
Sallie Beachy Alderfer – Mar 13
Kelsey Brubaker – Mar 14

Budget Report | February 28, 2021

ACTUAL		BUDGETED	
Weekly Offering	\$2,150.55	Weekly Offering	\$4,359.64
February	\$11,273.22	Avg. Monthly	\$18,891.79
YTD	\$25,534.94	YTD	\$39,236.80

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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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.

180 This Is God's Wondrous World

TERRA BEATA SMD

Capo 1: (D) Eb (A7) Bb7 (D) Eb (G) Ab (D) Eb (A) Bb

1 This is God's won-drous world, and to my lis-t'ning ears
 2 This is God's won-drous world; the birds their car - ols raise,
 3 This is God's won-drous world; oh, let me ne'er for - get

all na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 the morn - ing light, the dark of night, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ru - ler yet.

This is God's won-drous world; I rest me in the thought
 This is God's won-drous world; a wand - rer I may roam.
 This is God's won-drous world; the bat - tle is not done.

of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, the won - ders God has wrought.
 What - e'er my lot, it mat - ters not, my heart is still at home.
 Je - sus who died shall be glo - ri - fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

(D) Eb (F#m) Gm (A7) Bb7 (D) Eb (A7) Bb7 (D) Eb
 (A7) Bb7 (D) Eb (G) Ab (D) Eb (G) Ab (D) Eb
 (A7) Bb7 (D) Eb (F#m) Gm (A7) Bb7 (D) Eb (A7) Bb7 (D) Eb

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock (USA), *Thoughts for Every-Day Living*, 1901, alt.Music: Franklin L. Sheppard (USA), *Alleluia*, 1915, adapt. from English traditional RUSPER

718 Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us

GENTLE SHEPHERD Irregular

Capo 3: (D) F (E7) G7

Gen-tle Shep-herd, come and lead us, for we
need you to help us find our way. Gen-tle Shep-herd,
come and feed us, for we need your strength from day to
day. There's no oth-er we can turn to who can
help us face an-oth-er day. Gen-tle Shep-herd, come and

(Em) Gm (A7) C7 (D) F (G/D) Bb/F (D) F (E7) G7 (Em) Gm (A7) C7 (D) F (G/D) (D) F (F#m) Am (D7) F7 (G) Bb (E7) G7 (Em) Gm (A7) C7 (D) F

(E7) (Em) (A7) (D) (G/D) (D)
 G7 Gm C7 F Bb/F F



lead us, for we need you to help us find our way.

Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace 719

UNITY 7.7.7.7

E B C#m B



Refrain: Je - sus, help us live in peace,
 1 Man - y times we don't a - gree
 2 How we long for pow'r and fame,

A E B



from our blind - ness set us free.
 on what's right or wrong to do.
 seek - ing ev - 'ry earth - ly thing.

E E7 A



Fill us with your heal - ing love.
 It's so hard to real - ly see
 We for - get the one who came

E F#m

To verses and refrain		Last time
A	E	A/E



Help us live in u - ni - ty. ty.
 from the oth - er's point of view.
 as a ser - vant, not a king.



(C) (Em7) (Am7) (D) (G)
 Db Fm7 Bbm7 Eb Ab

This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.
 This is how God longs for us when we roam.
 This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.
 This is how God read - ies us for the light.
 this is a new world where God's will is done.

God Lights a Lamp

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NINA Irregular

D Em D/F# G

God lights a lamp, and she search-es ev' - ry - where for the

D/A G/B Asus A D Em

hid - den, lone - ly heart. God lights a lamp, and she

D/F# G D/A G/B Asus

search-es ev' - ry - where. When she finds you, oh, she sings:

A G D/F# A/C# D D/F#

"I have found my treas - ure, my pre - cious sil - ver coin. I have

G Bm C A D/F# G D/F#

found my love!" E - ven an - gels will

F#/A# Bm G Asus D

hear the news: What once was lost is found.



(C/E) Eb/G (A m7) C m7 (D sus) F sus (D) F (G sus) Bbsus (C7) Eb7

way to get through. And when your

(F maj7) Abmaj7 (C/E) Eb/G (E sus) Gsus (E7) G7 (A m) (A m/G) C m C m/Bb

hope is gone and you can't hold on,

(F) Ab (F/G) Ab/Bb (C) Eb (F/C) Ab/Eb (C) Eb

we will hold on to you. *Last time*

God, Be with Us 613

JOURNEY 8.7.10

D Em

1 God, be with us on our jour - ney, Je - sus, keep us
 2 Lov - ing God, we share our sor - rows, and we bring our
 3 As we walk through times of trou - ble, hold us in your

A A7 Bm G A A7 D

in your care, Spir - it, em - pow - er us and give us peace.
 joys to you. Bless and in - spire us to live a - new.
 warm em-brace. Give us your strength and wis-dom, light and grace.