



Shalom Mennonite Congregation

March 14, 2021 | Shalom-at-Home #52

Jaime Miller, Worship Leader

Melody Mast, Music Leader

Earl Martin, Children's Time

Brian Bolton, Speaker

Carrie Yoder, Zoom Host

GATHERING

Prelude

Centering Bell

Gathering Song *For the Healing of the Nations*

VT 705

Land Acknowledgement

VT 878

Welcome & Call to Worship

(silence)

One: silently and gently
falling and failing

**All: changing and resting
seeking you, Lord...**

One: we watch

All: we wait

One: we dream

All: we pray...

One: for the earth to renew

All: for our hearts to soften

One: for your grace to cover us

All: for your justice to pour out

One: for time and space to listen

All: for courage to act

One: in the midst of Lent,
we sit with you...

All: we pause...

One: we hurt...

All: we repent...

One: we rage...

All: When will it be?

One: Will it ever be?*

Hymn *We come* VT 225

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Luke 16:19-31

Children's Time

Hymn *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* VT 536

Sermon

RESPONDING

Hymn *I want Jesus to walk with me* VT 416

Prayers of the People

Offering *There's a wideness in God's mercy* VT 156

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

Benediction *Beyond a dying sun* VT 416

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.

*Call to Worship adapted from a prayer by Rev. Deborah Vaughn

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

Our Habitat build is underway! Many thanks to those who are providing support in the form of work, food, and spiritual & moral support. We have good weather and lots of volunteers

the rest of this week. Unfortunately the roof trusses are not going to arrive until *next* Wednesday, so we need some volunteer help after that to put them up. If we get a good turnout we can maybe get them all up in one day, but Tim has created signups for both Thursday March 18 and Friday March 19 to see what suits people better. Signups are divided into "roof workers" and "ground workers" as we will need some of each. [Here is the sign-up sheet.](#)

Contact Tim Godshall with any questions related to the project (timgodshall@gmail.com or 908-8194) or if the online sign-up sheet doesn't work for you. Here is a [general info document about the Habitat Build.](#)

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:

Kelsey Brubaker – Mar 14

Karen Suderman – Mar 16

Becky Johnston – Mar 18

Budget Report | March 7, 2021

<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>BUDGETED</u>	
Weekly Offering	\$7,839.74	Weekly Offering	\$4,359.64
March	\$7,839.74	Avg. Monthly	\$18,891.79
YTD	\$33,374.68	YTD	\$43,594.44

*Offering for Patchwork Pantry \$50.00

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.

For the Healing of the Nations 705

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7

B \flat Eb B \flat

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
 2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
 3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

F7 B \flat Gm D

one ac - cord, for a just and e - qual shar - ing
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
 earth be banned: pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,
 hu - man - kind. For our grow - ing in your like - ness,

Gm F/C C7 F

of the things that earth af - fords. To a life of
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
 bring the life of Christ to mind that by our re -

B \flat 7 Eb Cm7 F7 B \flat

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
 quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
 sponse and ser - vice, earth its des - ti - ny may find.

For a higher key, see "Angels from the Realms of Glory" (#265).

*Alternate tune: FROM THE DEPTHS (#157)

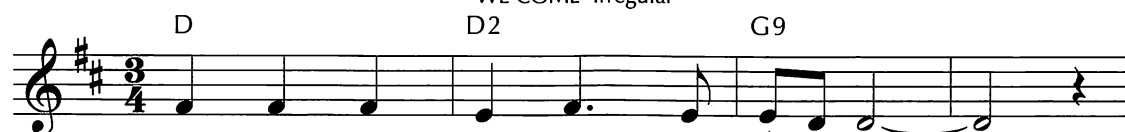
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 Music: Henry T. Smart (England), *Psalms and Hymns for Divine Worship*, 1867



We Come

225

WE COME Irregular



1 Our hearts are emp - ty with - out you;
2 Some - times we long for the morn - ing,



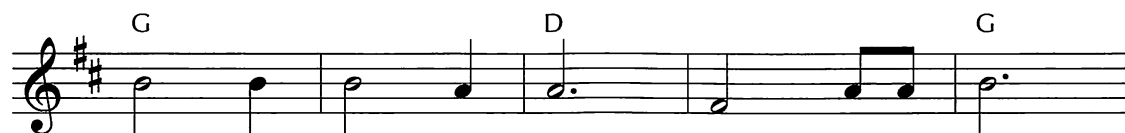
bar - ren and cold, but for the bold hope that
for a re - frain from etch - ings in pain, yet our



you your - self plant - ed with - in.
lone - li - ness draws us to you.



In the might - y name of God, in the



sav - ing name of Je - sus, in the strong



name of the Spir - it, we come, we cry, we watch, we



wait, we look, we long for you, we come, we



cry, we watch, we wait, we look, we long for you.

Text: stanzas Jim Croegaert (USA); refrain David Adam (Scotland)

Music: Jim Croegaert; acc. Susan See (USA)

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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.



156 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

WELLESLEY 8.7.8.7

C G7 C F C

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy like the
 2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more
 3 But we make God's love too nar - row by false
 4 For the love of God is broad - er than the
 5 If our love were but more sim - ple, we should

G C D G G7 C

wide - ness of the sea. There's a kind - ness
 grac - es for the good. There is mer - cy
 lim - its of our own, and we mag - ni -
 mea - sures of the mind, and the heart of
 rest up - on God's word, and our lives would

G7 C Am Fm C F G7 C

in God's jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
 with the Sav - ior, there is heal - ing in his blood.
 fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
 the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
 be il - lu - mined by the pres - ence of our Lord.

Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.

416 Beyond a Dying Sun

ENGLÉ 14.10.14.10 with refrain

D G Em7 A

1 Be - yond a dy - ing sun I saw a vi - sion on the sea
 2 For God at last shall wipe a - way the tears from ev' - ry eye.
 3 Though ha - tred rag - es on the wind and wars de - file the land,

D Bm E A

of gold - en sails full bil - lowed on the wind. (on the wind.)
 The sting of death shall pierce the heart no more. (heart no more.)
 I see those gold - en sails still com - ing strong, (com - ing strong,)

D G Em7 A

And ech - o - ing a - bove the waves a voice called af - ter me,
 When griev - ing turns to laugh - ter all the pain from us shall fly,
 for through the eyes of faith still shines the vi - sion of the Lamb,

D Em7 A7 D

"God's dwell - ing place is with you till the end." (till the end.)
 and form - er ways lie bleached up - on the shore. (on the shore.)
 and o'er a wea - ry earth there rings this song. (rings this song.)

Text: Steve Engle (USA), 1970; rev. 1984

Music: Steve Engle, 1970; harm. Steve Engle and Don Frederick (USA)

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TELLING GOD'S STORY: Reign of Christ

Refrain

I see a new world com - ing when ev - 'ry - one is free!

And all shall be God's peo - ple in jus - tice, love, and peace.