



# Shalom Mennonite Congregation

April 25, 2021 | Shalom-at-Home #57

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*Brian Bolton, Worship Leader*

*Ross Erb, Children's Time*

*Stan Godshall, Music Leader*

*Carrie Dengler Wenger, Speaker*

*Carrie Yoder, Zoom Host*

*Audio-Visual Technician: Tim Godshall*

## GATHERING

**Prelude**

*Crowded Table\**

**Centering Bell**

**Gathering Song**

*My Soul Cries Out*

VT 412

**Welcome & Call to Worship**

One: Christ revealed in the breaking of bread,

**Many: We come to the table.**

One: Christ revealed in baptism,

**Many: We come to the water.**

One: Christ revealed in voice of a stranger,

**Many: Carry us away across borders, and into rejoicing.**

**Hymn**

*I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table*

VT 801

## HEARING THE WORD

**Scripture**

Acts 8:26-39

**Children's Time**

**Sermon**

Conversion(')s On The Way

## RESPONDING

**Hymn**

*For We Are Strangers No More*

VT 40

**Affirmation of Commitment to Safety and Inclusion**

**Prayers of the People**

**Offering**

*God, Be the Love*

VT 43

## SENDING

**Introductions & Announcements**

**Benediction**

\*performed by The Highwomen

**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**

Shalom's Ministry Teams are beginning to make plans for June, July, and August. We're going to discuss some ways we can "break out" of some of our routines a little more often, plan new ways to connect with each other online and in person, and yet also remain in accordance with the [Guidance for Gathering in Covid document](#) which our Administrative and Ministry Councils approved in early April.

Please give the guidance doc a glance if you haven't. Here's one highlight for this week, as we start to discuss some of the ways we can meet in person:

### **Commitment to Remote Participants**

"We recognize that we have gained numerous attendees, community members, and important new ways and habits of connecting during the time of Shalom@home. Even as we consider returning to in-person gatherings, we remain committed to supporting remote participation in worship and community meetings for the foreseeable future, as a way to engage vulnerable and geographically distanced congregation members, as well as reducing unnecessary travel time or fuel use among locals."

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### **Upcoming Birthdays:**

Tom Benevento – April 25

Earl Martin – April 28

Meredith Roof – April 30

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**Budget Report | April 18, 2021**

| <u>ACTUAL</u>   |             | <u>BUDGETED</u> |             |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Weekly Offering | \$1,855.10  | Weekly Offering | \$4,359.64  |
| April           | \$9,708.19  | Avg. Monthly    | \$18,891.79 |
| YTD             | \$61,061.60 | YTD             | \$69,754.31 |

*\*Offering for Habitat for Humanity Project \$1,000*

*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](mailto:office@shalommc.org).*

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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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**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.

## 412

## My Soul Cries Out

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN 9.8.10.8 D with refrain



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you  
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a  
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his throne. The  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp. This



fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my weak - ness you  
 ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would  
 hun - gry poor shall weep no more for the food they can  
 sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the prom - ise which



did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
 holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

Original title: "Canticle of the Turning"

Text: based on Luke 1:46-55; Rory Cooney (USA)

Music: Irish traditional; arr. Rory Cooney

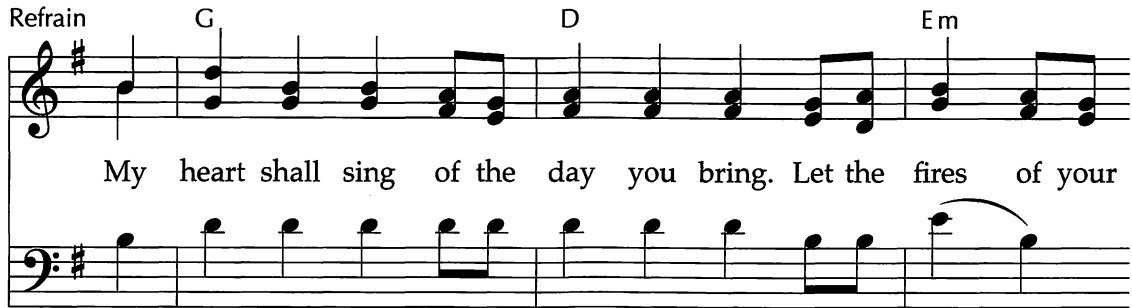
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TELLING GOD'S STORY: Reign of Christ

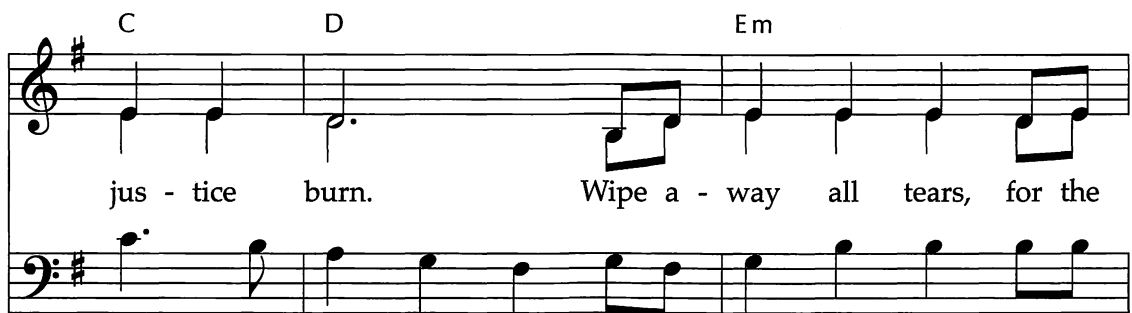


name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



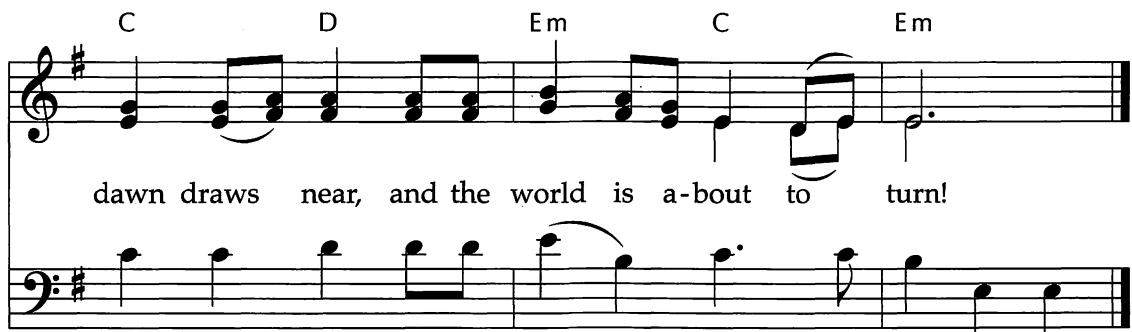
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your

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jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the

of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!

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# I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table 801

WELCOME TABLE Irregular

Swing: ♩ = ♪<sup>3</sup>♪



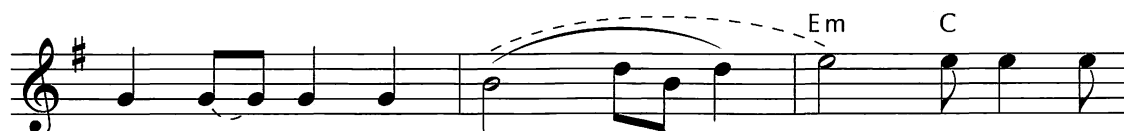
1 I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble.  
 2 God's gon-na set this\_\_world on fire. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 I'm gon-na walk and\_\_talk with Je - sus.  
 4 I'm gon-na drink at the crys - tal foun - tain.



I'm gon-na eat at the wel - come ta - ble some of these  
 God's gon-na set this\_\_world on fire\_\_\_\_ some of these  
 I'm gon-na walk and\_\_talk with Je - sus some of these  
 I'm gon-na drink at the crys - tal foun - tain some of these



days. Hal - le - lu - jah! I'm gon-na  
 days. Hal - le - lu - jah! God's gon-na  
 days. Hal - le - lu - jah! I'm gon-na  
 days. Hal - le - lu - jah! I'm gon-na



eat at the wel-come ta - ble. I'm gon - na  
 set this\_\_world on fire.\_\_\_\_\_ God's gon - na  
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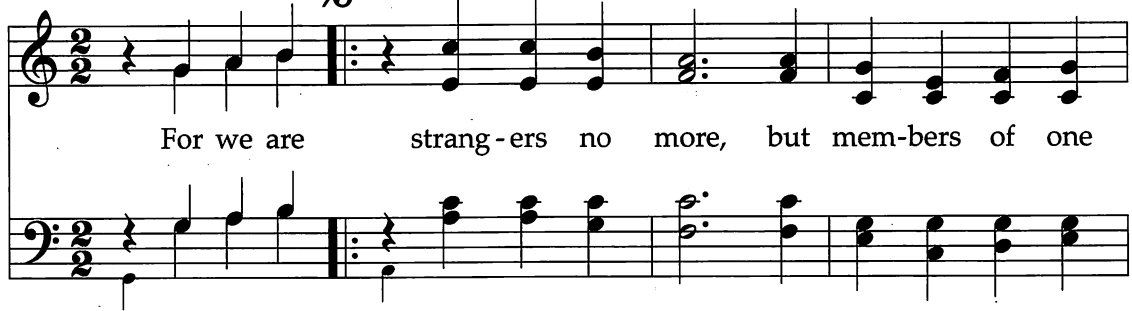




# 409 For We Are Strangers No More

STRANGERS NO MORE 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Refrain G  Am C F C C7



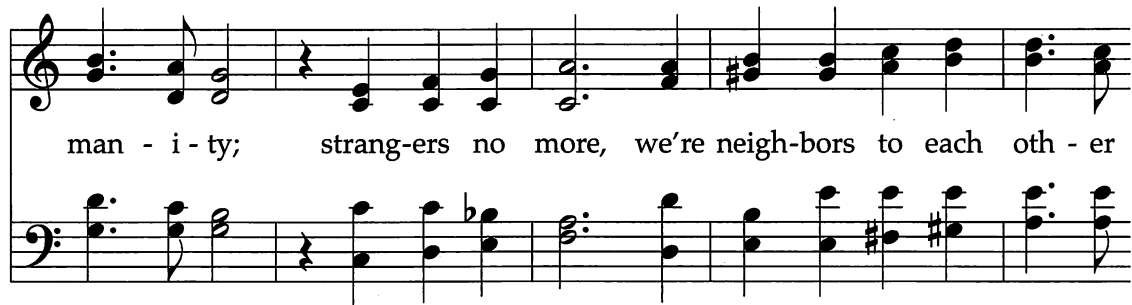
For we are stran-gers no more, but mem-bers of one

F C F E7 Am D7




fam - i - ly; stran-gers no more, but part of one hu -

G C C7 F Dm E7 Am



man - i - ty; stran-gers no more, we're neigh-bors to each oth - er

A<sup>b</sup> C G7 G7 C *Fine*



now; stran-gers no more, we're bound to one an - oth - er now.

TELLING GOD'S STORY: Reign of Christ

C G Am C F D7 G

1 Come, walk with me, we'll wor - ship God to - geth - er,  
 2 Where dif - f'ring cul - tures meet, we'll serve to - geth - er.  
 3 There is a love that binds the world to - geth - er,

C G Am C D7 G F

as we join song to song, and prayer to prayer. Come,  
 Where ha - tred ra - ges, we will strive for peace. Come,  
 a love that seeks the last, the lost, the least. One

Dm E7 Am Dm

take my hand, and we will work to - geth - er by lift - ing  
 take my hand, and we will pray to - geth - er that jus - tice  
 day that love will bring us all to - geth - er in Christ, from

G7 C C7 F G7 D.S.

all the bur - dens we can share.  
 come, and strife and war - fare cease. For we are  
 South and North, from West and East.

E/B C#m E/B E

jus - tice builds a cho - rus, mak - ing all God's chil - dren whole!  
 bun - dant streams of liv - ing, wait - ing for us to come near.  
 mu - sic is God breath - ing, take a ho - ly breath and sing!

# God, Be the Love

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GREEN TYLER 9.8.9.5.5

D Em7 A D Em7

1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to  
 2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly; great cloud of wit - ness-  
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light; flash - ing of light-ning,  
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to  
 5 Christ in the eye of all who see me; Christ in the ear that

E7 A Bm G A Bm

move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:  
 es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:  
 strength of wind; depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:  
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove and al - ways,  
 hears my voice; Christ in the hearts of all who know me:

G/D D A Bm G D/A A D

O Christ, sur - round me, O Christ, sur - round me.

