



# Shalom Mennonite Congregation

June 13, 2021 | Peacemaking as Homemaking  
Graduation Blessing for Silas Benevento Zahner

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## **GATHERING**

Centering Bell

Gathering Song      *As We Rise, O God, to Meet You*      VT 39

Welcome & Call to Worship

Come, let us seek rest at the altar of God --

**Where even the infant can find comfort and protection;**

**Where even the weak can find justice and peace.**

Blessed are those who dwell in God's presence --

**Where even the lily may grow in glory**

**Where even the grass may be clothed with life.**

***All: Blessed are those who trust in you, O God,  
Our Home and our Provider.***

Hymn

*What is this Place*

VT 22

## **HEARING THE WORD**

Children's Time

Scripture      Mark 9:30-37, James 3:13-18

Sermon

Hymn

*We Dream of a Turning*

VT 209

## **RESPONDING**

**Graduation Blessing for Silas Benevento Zahner**

Creative and Creating God,

We thank you for Silas.

**Your beloved creation.**

We thank you for his accomplishments.

**We celebrate with him at this time of graduation.**

God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian,

We pray that he will recognize your guidance on the next stages of his journey.

**May your loving protection surround him each step he takes.**

God our Christ, Word made flesh,

May he seek to live according to your example:

**A life of justice. A life of peace. A life of joy. Amen.**

**Hymn**

*Guide my Feet*

VT 816

**Prayers of the People**

**Offering**

There is no scarcity. There is no shortage.  
No lack of love, of compassion, of joy in the world.

There is enough. There is more than enough.  
Only fear and greed make us think otherwise.  
No one need starve.

**There is enough land and enough food.**

No one need die of thirst.

**There is enough water.**

No one need live without mercy.

**There is no end to grace.**

And we are all instruments of grace.

**The more we give it, the more we share it,  
the more we use it, the more God makes.**

There is no scarcity of love.

**SENDING**

**Introductions & Announcements**

**Benediction**

*My Soul Cries Out*

VT 412

**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, prayer, or pass the peace

**Today's Worship Leaders:** *Brian Bolton, Carrie Yoder, Cathy Smeltzer Erb, Doug Root, Joel Yoder, Melody Mast, Ross Erb, Tim Godshall*

## **Announcements**

Use this link to reserve a spot at one of our events

<https://rsvp.church/r/HaSbcAK7>

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**BreakOut Sundays:** Next Sunday is our first BreakOut Sunday – please sign up using the link above! At least one group will gather at the Vine & Fig Jubilee Farm in Mt. Clinton to have a time of prayer & blessing for that land and new effort. There are other location possibilities depending upon numbers and interest, including online.

As a reminder, every other Sunday this summer we will “BreakOut” of our routine, often to gather somewhere outdoors in the city, weather permitting, with a smaller group of Shalomers. Each gathering will have a guide or plan for conversation or a variety of activities around the theme of the previous week's worship gathering.

Administrative and Ministry Councils are grateful for Shalom's flexibility and view this summer through a hopeful lens as a time to begin reconnecting as well as experimenting with the kinds of practices we will need in order to eventually gather in larger numbers.

**Now Hiring a Pastor -- Formation and Community Care**

Our Search Committee, Personnel Committee, Ministry Council, and Administrative Council have concluded their work on the Congregational Information Form, the Survey Results, and the Position Description. Those documents have been submitted to Central District Conference and the position opening has now been posted to [Shalom's website](#). The Search Committee co-chairs welcome your questions: *Daryl Peifer & Ellen Miller*

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**Budget Report | June 06, 2021**

<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>BUDGETED</u>	
Weekly Offering	\$1,624.07	Weekly Offering	\$4,359.64
June	\$1,624.07	Avg. Monthly	\$18,891.79
YTD	\$91,899.76	YTD	\$100,271.82

*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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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.

# As We Rise, O God, to Meet You 39

SPIRIT, FILL US 8.7.8.7 with refrain

D Am D Am7 | D Am7 D

1 As we rise, O God, to meet you,  
 2 As we gath - er, God, to - geth - er,  
 3 As we lin - ger at your ta - ble,  
 4 As we learn, O God, to love you,  
 5 As we go, O God, to serve you,

C D Am7 Gadd9 G D Am7

as we o - pen wide our eyes, like the sun that  
 as each tongue here learns to sing, like the birds that  
 as we eat this com - mon bread, like the seed both  
 as we lis - ten for your voice, like the dust from  
 as we o - pen wide our hands, like the wind that

D C D Am7 D

fills the morn - ing, fill our bod - ies with your light.  
 fill the for - ests, fill our bod - ies with your song.  
 sown and scat - tered, fill our bod - ies with new life.  
 which you made us, fill our bod - ies with your breath.  
 moves the wa - ters, spread your peace to ev - 'ry land.

Refrain D2 Am7 Bbadd9 Cadd9

We are emp - ty, Spir - it, fill us. God, we o - pen up our

D Am D Am7 D2

lives.



## What Is This Place

22

KOMT NU MET ZANG 9.8.9.8.9.6.6

C F C G F C

1 What is this place where we are meet-ing? On - ly a house, the  
 2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in  
 3 And we ac - cept bread at his ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a

G C F C G

earth its floor, walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,  
 us like seed. Names for our God, dreams, signs, and won - ders  
 liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,

F C G C F G

win-dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a bod - y that  
 sent from the past are what we need. We in this place re - mem - ber and  
 we are each oth - er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re -

C G C D7 G F G C

lives when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.  
 speak a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem - ing Word.  
 ceive what we need to in - crease: God's jus - tice and God's peace.

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# We Dream of a Turning 209

LOCH LOMOND 11.10.13.10 with refrain



1 We dream of a turn - ing from ag - es of wrong, earth to  
 2 We dream of a feast where there's no one out - side, turned a -  
 3 We dream of a moun - tain where no harm is done, where the



E - den re - stored, and our par - don. Like Eve and Ad - am, join in a  
 way due to dif - f'rence or la - bel, when all the weap - ons forged to de -  
 wolf and the lamb lie to - geth - er. A lit - tle child shall dance, lead - ing



sto - ry and a song as we wan - der with God through the gar - den.  
 stroy or to di - vide turn to rust far from God's ho - ly ta - ble.  
 all the crea - tures on, as we join hand to hoof, claw, and feath - er!



Where true peace is shin - ing as hate rolls a - way, see, God's



bright new cre - a - tion is gleam - ing. The morn - ing rays that dawn on our



wea - ry, wak - ing day bring a hope far be - yond all our dream - ing.



# 816

# Guide My Feet

GUIDE MY FEET Irregular

Capo 1: (G) Ab (C) Db (G) Ab

1, 6 Guide my feet while I run this race,

yes, my Lord!

(D7) Eb7 (G) Ab

Guide my feet while I run this race,

yes, my Lord!

(C) Db (G) Ab (Em) Fm

Guide my feet while I run this race, for I

(G) Ab (D7) Eb7 (G) Ab (C) Db (G) Ab

don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

- 2 Hold my hand ...
- 3 Stand by me ...
- 4 I'm your child ...
- 5 Search my heart ...

## 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

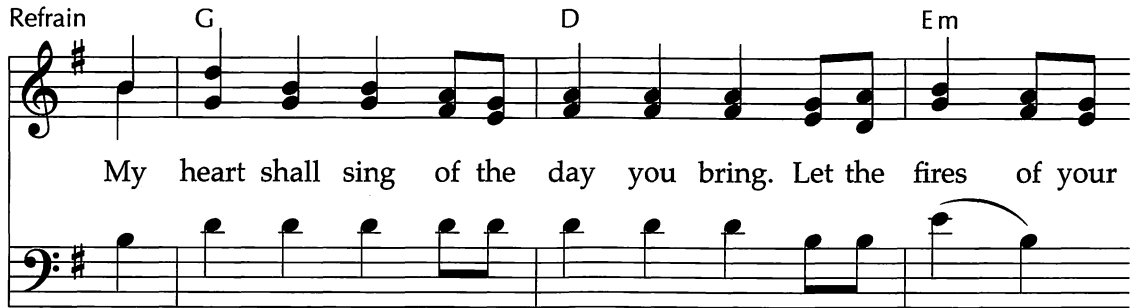
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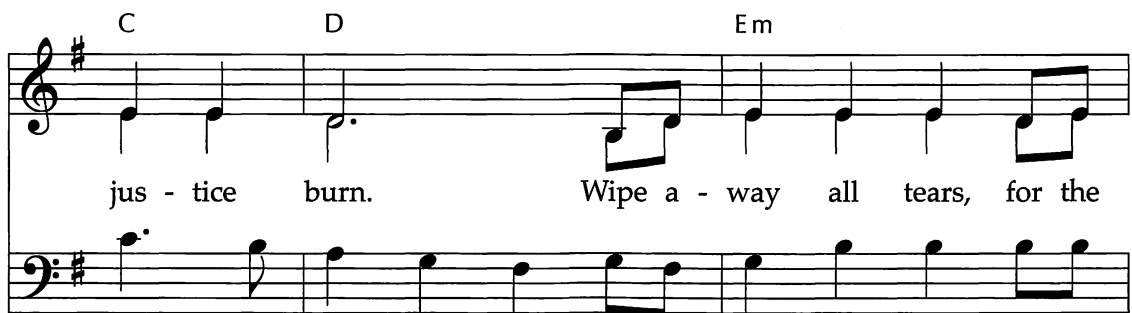


name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



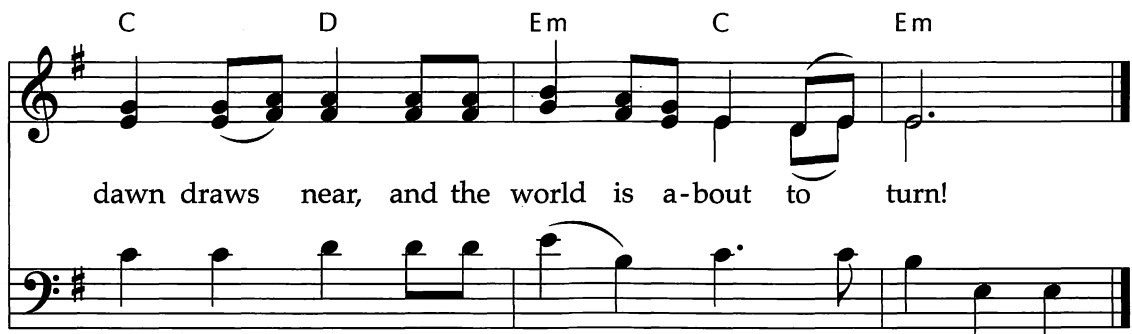
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your

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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!

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