



Shalom Mennonite Congregation

September 19, 2021 | World Peace Sunday

Finding Healing and Hope in Crisis

GATHERING

Centering Bell

Gathering Song

Let There Be Light

714

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Strength is commanding the wind and sea to obey.

Many: Strength is wielding a slingshot in the face of a raging giant.

One: Strength is accepting vulnerability from inside the boat.

Many: Strength is standing in solidarity with the powerless.

One: Strength is turning a cheek.

Many: Strength is loving an enemy.

All: We come to worship a God who redefines our vision of strength.¹

Hymn

Beauty for Brokenness

712

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture

Mark 4:35-41

Children's time

Sermon

RESPONDING

Prayers for Peace

In these times of searching for peace
and resolution to conflicts

Establish your peace!

In the midst of corruption, impunity and violence,

Establish your peace!

In the midst of the journey of your Colombia people,

Establish your peace!

In this searching for justice and peace for Colombia,

Establish your peace!

In the midst of the pain of children, women and men,

Establish your peace!

Establish your peace, O Christ, according to your will.²

Hymn	<i>We Dream of a Turning</i>	209
Prayers of the People	<i>O Lord Hear My Prayer</i>	685
Offering Prayer		
Offering Song	<i>Sing a New World Into Being</i>	809

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

Benediction

Send us into the world's turbulence as
instruments of Your peace,
and send us as agents of Your justice,
that all might know the truth of Your ways.

Send us as artists
who bear the joyful burden of Your creativity,
that we might bring light into the darkness,
and hope among the despairing.

And grant us the joy of fellowship,
with Your Spirit and with one another,
this day and forever. Amen!³

Today's Worship Leaders: *Brian Bolton, Duane Bontrager, Hailey Holcomb, Karen Suderman.*

¹ Katherine HawkerSelf, 1997, "Liturgy Outside: reflections to foster faithful resistance"

² Prayer of confession adapted from Nancy C. Townley, "Worship Connection" on "Ministry Matters" (www.ministrymatters.com), and peace prayer adapted from Adafá Bernal, an Anabaptist-Mennonite pastor from Colombia. Published in MCC Washington's Days of Prayer and Action for Colombia (DOPA) resource in 2013.

³ Rev. Mark S. Burrows. Included in the Spring, 1998 issue of Connections magazine.

Visitors: Welcome to Shalom! 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 Many who identify as LGBTQIA+, and our policy and practices around maintaining an environment that protects children from abuse.

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Announcements

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

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

The Nursery is now open during worship only. Three EMU students, all vaccinated, have been hired to work in the nursery on rotation. Weather permitting the exterior door to the nursery classroom will be propped open and children can play outside the door in view of the childcare staff. Parents leaving their children in nursery will pick up a pager in case attention is needed.

Shalom's Covid Principles

Review our "S.M.A.R.T." Habits and our Covid response principles at shalommc.org/covid

Birthdays:

Emma Saucedo, Sept. 22

Carrie Dengler Wenger, Sept. 24

Jason Myers Benner, Sept. 26

Andrea Robles, Sept. 26

Budget Report | Sept. 12, 2021

<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>BUDGETED</u>	
Weekly Offering	\$1,300.00	Weekly Offering	\$4,359.64
September	\$4,625.00	Avg. Monthly	\$18,891.79
YTD	\$140,078.26	YTD	\$161,306.84

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