



# Shalom Mennonite Congregation

November 7, 2021 | All Souls Remembrance

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## GATHERING

### Centering Bell

### Gathering Song

*Move in our midst*

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### Welcome

### Call to Worship

When we long for the special effects we think life should offer:

**it is enough, for us, that God comes in a soft, summer shower.**

When we our hearts are cracked by the drought of doubt:

**it is enough, for us, that God opens up the fountains of faith for us.**

When our senses are deadened by the sales pitches of our culture:

**it is enough, for us, that God wraps us in the silence of grace.<sup>1</sup>**

### Hymn

*Guide me, o thou great Jehovah*

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*Precious Lord, take my hand*

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## HEARING THE WORD

### Scripture Story

1 Kings 19:3-16

### Children's Time & Scripture Reflection

## RESPONDING

### Hymn

*Nothing is lost on the breath of God*

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### Litany for Remembering

One: We gather this morning in this season of resting and dormancy, when deep gratitude and deep sorrow mingle.

**Many: We thank God for that great circle in which we are united with all those who have gone before us.**

We set aside this day to remember and honor our loved ones who have died; to light candles and tell stories to reflect their ongoing presence in and influence on our lives.

**Though we are separated by death they are held in God's heart. Though we cannot touch them, they are close at hand.**

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In the rising of the sun and it's going down,

**We remember them.**

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,

**We remember them.**

In the opening buds and in the rebirth of spring,

**We remember them.**

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,

**We remember them.**

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,

**We remember them.**

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,

**We remember them.**

When we are weary and in need of strength,

**We remember them.**

When we are lost and are sick of heart,

**We remember them.**

When we have joys we yearn to share,

**We remember them.**

So long as we live, they too shall live,

**For they are now a part of us,**

**As we remember them.**

**Bob Hueston**

**Dan Miller**

**Doris Rokash Hunter**

**Emma Brubaker**

**Grace Brackbill Hostetter**

**Kermit Johnson**

**Nora Lynne Myers**

**Norman Kraus**

**Opal Roy**

**Ruth Brunk Stoltzfus**

**Samuel Johnson**

**Stephanie Grace Miller**

**Steven Stewart Nickels**

**Tess Hueston**

**Offering Prayer**

**Offering Song**            *In the quiet curve of evening*

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**Prayers of the People**

**SENDING**

**Introductions, Announcements, & Birthdays**

Nov. 8 Melody Mast

Nov. 9 Kai Wenger

Nov. 8 Norys Robles Cortez

Nov. 13 Ruby Friesen Zehr

Nov. 8 Allison Yoder

Nov. 13 Etta Bella Brubaker

**Benediction**

*The hand of God shall hold you*

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<sup>1</sup> *Call to Worship written by Thom Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies.*

**Today's Worship Leaders:** *Kirsten Beachy; Melody Mast; Barbara Moyer Lehman; Brian Bolton*

## Announcements

### **Shalom's Covid Principles**

Review our "S.M.A.R.T." Habits and our Covid response principles at [shalommc.org/covid](http://shalommc.org/covid)

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**Take Home a Hymnal!** Now that Voices Together has been incorporated into our worship, we want to repurpose and recycle our old ones, which are in relatively good condition. If you would like to have a free copy or copies of any of these, please help yourself. They will be on a cart in the lobby at our worship space during the month of October. Enjoy!!

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**Mark Your Calendars!** Our next two Congregational Meetings are scheduled for Nov. 21 and Jan. 23, and will begin at approximately 11 a.m., following regular worship. Please see the newsletter for more details.

### **Budget Report | Oct. 31, 2021**

<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>BUDGETED</u>	
Weekly Offering	\$2,648.04	Weekly Offering	\$4,359.64
October	\$17,229.45	Avg. Monthly	\$18,891.79
YTD	\$171,889.59	YTD	\$191,824.35

*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! 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 Many who identify as LGBTQIA+, and our policy and practices around maintaining an environment that protects children from abuse.

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