



# Shalom Mennonite Congregation

January 15, 2023

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## **GATHERING**

**Centering Bell**

**Gathering Song**

*What Is This Place*

VT 22

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

We gather to listen to ancient words and speak them anew.

**Give us your word with daily bread that sustains.**

We gather to lift our spirits and hearts in song and prayer.

**Assure and inspire us to trust in one greater than ourselves.**

We gather to proclaim that a light has come upon those living in the shadow of death.

**Change our hearts and lives, O God**

**Let your light shine on our paths,**

**and lead us in the way of your love.**

**Hymn**

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

VT 536

*The Glory of These Forty Days*

VT 305

## **HEARING THE WORD**

**Scripture**

Matthew 4:1-17

**Children's Time**

**Sermon**

## **RESPONDING**

**Hymn**

*This Little Light of Mine*

**Prayers of the People**

**Mentorship Blessing**

**Congregation: As your community, we support you in your journey, and we pray that you each discover wisdom in the other. We affirm youth and mentors alike as you learn from one another and grow in faith, hope, and love.**

Matea: I come with real hopes and expectations, with questions and curiosities about our faith and our world.

Bethany: I also come with hopes and expectations, questions and curiosities. May the power of God, the love of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit guide us to create space and extend our lives as an invitation for years to come.

Matea and Bethany: Today, we commit to growing together

Matea: laughing together

Bethany: grieving together

Matea: working together

Bethany: listening and responding together

Matea: thinking and dreaming together

Matea and Bethany: that we may join in the body of Christ together.

**Congregation: May the love of God, which turns strangers into friends, guide and keep these relationships. May Christ's enduring faithfulness be an example for you. And may the Spirit's creativity bless you with joy and energy for the coming year.**

**Hymn**

*Come and See*

VT 282

*children and youth are invited to come to the front for Storytime*

**Offering**

**Offering Hymn**

*Take, O Take Me as I Am*

VT 748

## **SENDING**

**Introductions, Announcements**

**Sending Song**

*Go, My Friends, in Grace*

VT 810

**Benediction & Passing the Peace**

The Peace of the Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Peter Fairfield, Worship Leader*

*Carrie Yoder, Tech*

*Georgia Metz, Prayers*

*Jane Peifer, Mary Jo Swartzentruber,*

*Georgia Metz, Iris Anderson, leading*

*Children's Story Time*

*Joel Yoder, Children's Time*

*Brandon Chupp, Music Leader*

*Sarah Myers, Visuals*

*Ross Erb, Dayna Olson-Getty, leading*

*youth discussion*

*Maria Swartzentruber, snack provider*

## **Announcements**

This Sunday at Shalom:

10 am Worship

10 am-12:15 pm Nursery available for children ages 0-5

~11 am-12:15 pm Storytime for children ages 5-11 (after prayers of the people)

~11 am-12:15 pm Youth snack and discussion (after prayers of the people)

11:30 am-12:15 pm Parent's Circle in the library

12:00-2:00 pm Lent worship planning in the dining hall, lunch served

**Harrisonburg Black History Tour, January 21st, 12-2pm.**

All Shalomers are invited to attend a tour of the Northeast Neighborhood with Monica Robinson, Executive Director of the Shenandoah Valley Black Heritage Project. Begins with brown bag lunch at Ralph Sampson Park.

*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). You can also scan the QR code to fill out a survey about yourself!*



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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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**Congregational Chair:** Tim Godshall

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