



Shalom Mennonite Congregation

March 5, 2023

Lent 2 - Parables: Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard

GATHERING

Centering Bell & Candlelighting

Gathering Song *Summoned by the God Who Made Us* VT 1

Welcome

Call to Worship

Come!

Come and worship,

you who woke early and you who slept late;

you who come often, and you who don't.

Whether we are first or last or somewhere in between,

there is room for all of us in God's kingdom,

and more than enough grace to go around.

Let's worship God together!

Hymn

Here in this Place

VT 10

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture & Children's Time Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon

RESPONDING

Litany of Response

One: Jesus invites us into the upside down kingdom of God, where the first are last, the table is widened, and we find the presence of God moving in the most unlikely places. But sometimes we are unable to see God at work. When our ways are too narrow and our paths are too comfortable:

Many: Give us eyes to see as you see.

One: When we are confused and afraid:

Many: Give us ears to hear the good news that you are here among us.

One: When we neglect to extend welcome and mercy to all:

Many: Give us open hands and hearts.

One: In our parable today, that which seems impractical and unfair is a conduit for grace.

Silence for reflection

Hymn

Open Our Eyes, Lord (Abre mis ojos)

VT 732

Prayers of the People

Hymn

Come and See

VT 282

**Children five and older are invited to go to StoryTime*

Offering

Offering Hymn

What is the World Like

VT 298

SENDING

Introductions, Announcements

Sending Song

Could It Be That God is Singing

VT 42

Benediction and Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Krista Showalter Ehst, Speaker
Rodrigue Makalele, Worship Leader
Kirsten Beachy, Children's Time
Stan Godshall, Music Leader
Faye Yoder, Musician*

*Eliza, Sylvia, Cora Showalter Godshall,
Candle lighting and bell ringing
Brandon Chupp, Doug Root, Carrie Yoder,
Tech
Sarah Myers, Visuals*

Announcements

Everyone is welcome to stay after worship for a Snackluck.

Tues, March 7, 5 pm: Climate Task Force Exploratory Meeting @ the church office (1086A Smith Avenue)

Wed, March 8, 7 pm: Monthly Women's Group Meeting @ Cathy Smeltzer Erb's (455 Monte Vista Drive, Rockingham).

Monday, March 13, 10-11:30 am: Shalom Sage Gathering, Fifth Floor Lounge of VMRC's Park Gables

Sunday, March 5, 7pm: The Shenandoah Valley Men's Chorus, Jared Stutzman, director, will present a concert of acapella sacred music this evening at Park View Mennonite Church.

Upcoming Birthdays

Mar 5 - Arlene Wiens
Mar 6 - Mona Showalter Ehst
Mar 7 - Emily Hershberger
Mar 8 - Eliza Brubaker
Mar 8 - Rachel Herr
Mar 8 - Seth Shantz

Mar 9 - Burton Buller
Mar 9 - Rachel Jenner
Mar 9 - Emilia Ozuna Barge
Mar 10 - Reed Shristi
Mar 11 - Eli Bolton
Mar 11 - Mim Godshall

Budget Summary (February 26, 2023)

ACTUAL

Weekly Offering	\$3,342.32
Feb	\$23,825.38
YTD	\$37,208.32

BUDGETED

Weekly Offerings	\$5,499.69
Average Monthly	\$23,832.00
YTD	\$49,497.2

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. You can also scan the QR code to fill out a survey about yourself or access the giving link for Shalom.



Covid/Flu Policy - Masks are optional at our gatherings, but please join virtually if you are sick or mask if you are unsure or being cautious.

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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