

## Sermon

### Blessing of High School Graduates

Creative and Creating God,

We thank you for Luga and Noemi, your beloved creations.

**May they know the completeness of your love and faithfulness to them.**

Spirit, Guide and Guardian,

We pray for them in the next stages of their journey:

**May your loving protection surround them at every step.**

God in Christ, Word made flesh,

May they live according to your example:

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

## RESPONDING

### Hymn

*Guide My Feet*

VT 816

**Mission Moment** - Merrill Miller, Mennomedia

### Prayers of the People

*Children ages 5-11 are welcome to go to StoryTime following blessing, while we sing VT 777, Seeds.*

## SENDING

### Introductions, Announcements

### Sending Song

*Christ Has No Body Here but Ours*

VT 568

### Passing the Peace

*The peace of Christ be with you.*

***And also with you.***

*\*Online and in-person participants are welcome to share a prayer concern, or light a candle at the side table. Raise your hand and a mic will be brought to you. We respond to 'Loving God,' with 'We offer you our prayer.'*

*Barbara Moyer Lehman, Worship Leader*

*Duane Bontrager Music Leader*

*Georgia Metz, Speaker*

*Joel Yoder, Children's Time*

*Krista Showalter Ehst, Prayers*

*Jan Emswiler, Visuals*

*Melody Mast, Zoom Host*

*Christopher Clymer Kurtz, Theda*

*Good, John Lehman, AV*

*Barb Root, Daniel Showalter,*

*Maria Swartzentruber, ST/Snack*

## Today

**10 am:** Worship. (no staffed nursery), blessing of high school graduates Luga Samson and Noemi Clymer Kurtz. (Celebration with cake, following worship)

## Next Sunday, June 8

**10 am:** Worship (no staffed nursery), Pentecost, birthday party for the church after worship with lawn games and piñata

## Coming Up

**June 11, 7 pm:** Women's Group, meets at the home of Cathy Smeltzer Erb: 455 Monte Vista Drive, Rockingham. Welcome!

**June 12, 7 pm:** Worship Team

**June 13-15:** Young Adult Camping

## Budget Summary (May 25, 2025)

### ACTUAL

Weekly Offering \$ 6,020.24

May \$ 15,048.39

YTD \$117,621.92

### BUDGETED

Weekly Offerings \$ 6,160.58

Average Monthly \$ 26,695.85

YTD \$129,372.18

*Shalom welcomes donations online (scan the QR code or go to [shalommc.org/give](https://shalommc.org/give)), via mail, or in-person using the offering box in the foyer. Each week in worship we'll bless our gifts at the end of Prayers of the People.*

Visitors: Welcome to Shalom! If you would like to be on our mailing list or be contacted by someone on the 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 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.

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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:** Katie Mansfield

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## Shalom Mennonite Congregation

Rest. Remember. Renew.

June 1, 2025

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### GATHERING

**Centering Bell**

**Welcome**

**Gathering Song**

*Here in This Place*

VT 10

**Call to Worship**

(Psalm 47:1-7)

Leader: Clap your hands, all you people!

Shout to God with cries of joy.

**North: For the Lord Most High is awesome,**

**South: the great King over all the earth.**

**North: He subdued nations under us,**

**South: peoples under our feet.**

**North: The Lord chose our inheritance for us,**

**South: the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.**

Leader: God has ascended amid shouts of joy,  
the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.

**North: Sing praises to God,**

**South: Sing praises!**

**North: Sing praises to our King,**

**South: Sing praises!**

**All: For God is the King of all the earth;  
sing to God a psalm of praise!**

**Hymn**

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns*

VT 101

### HEARING THE WORD

**Children's Story**

**Scripture**

Acts 1:1-11

**Hymn**

*Sing We Triumphant Hymns*

VT 363