

## **Responding & Reflecting**

You are invited to share around tables about the discussion prompt at your tables. When the bell sounds, please write whatever you would like to share with the larger congregation about your thoughts on post-its, and then put them on the corresponding large pieces of butcher paper up front.

## **RESPONDING**

**Hymn** *Come, Thou Fount* VT 563

### **Blessing our High School graduates**

On this day of celebration and opportunity,  
May God bless you with discomfort  
At easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships  
**So that you may live deep within your heart.**

May God bless you with holy anger  
At injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,  
**So that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

May God bless you with tears  
To shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger and war,  
**So that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.**

May God bless you with enough foolishness  
To believe that you can make a difference in the world,  
So that you can do what others claim cannot be done  
**To bring justice and kindness to all of God's children.**

And may God bless you with love  
For yourself, your neighbor, for the earth, and God,  
**So that you will find unflinching hope and joy in all that you do.**

## **Prayers of the People**

*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.'*

## **SENDING**

### **Introductions, Announcements**

**Sending Song** *Build Your Kingdom Here* VT 393

### **Passing the Peace**

*The peace of Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Kai Wenger and Indigo Clymer Kurtz,  
Worship Leaders*

*Joel Ross, Music Leader*

*Willem Kishbaugh, Steve Jones,*

*Christopher Clymer Kurtz, Sylvia*

*Godshall, Cora Godshall, Musicians*

*Cora Godshall, Sallie Beachy Alderfer,*

*Sammy Miller Gonzalez, scripture*

*Brian Bolton, Prayers*

*Ruby Friesen Zehr, Visuals*

*Matea Wenger, Eliza Godshall,*

*Matea and Kai Wenger, Eliza*

*and Sylvia Godshall, Havilah*

*Clymer Kurtz, Sammy and Tito*

*Miller Gonzalez, Children's*

*Time/Skit*

*Melody Mast, Zoom*

*Micah Shristi, Leland Ropp, AV*

*John Lehman, Offering/Mics*

*Thank you to Fionn Kishbaugh and Donovan Shantz for helping plan this service*

*Art on the altar provided by Elisabeth Fairfield*

## **Congratulations to our high school graduates, both graduating from EMHS: Elisabeth Fairfield and Willem Kishbaugh**

### **Today**

**9 am:** Adult Formation - Monique Tshibola

**10 am:** Pentecost. Youth led service that will include blessing our high school graduates, with cake and pinata.

### **Coming Up**

**May 31, 9 am:** Hospitality Team Meeting

**May 31, 9 am:** Adult Formation - Melody Mast

**May 31, 10 am:** Summer Worship (No childcare)

**June 7:** Shalom Pride Coming-In Gathering (see Newsletter for details)

**June 7:** Potluck after worship

*Shalom welcomes donations online (scan the QR code or go to [shalommc.org/give](http://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.*

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:** Melody Mast

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## Shalom Mennonite Congregation

May 24, 2026 | Extending our Borders

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### GATHERING

#### Prelude

**Gathering Song** *Njoo Kwetu, Roho mwema* VT 367

#### Welcome

#### Call to Worship\*

One: God who moved over the deep in a holy breath,

**All: come to us this day - Pentecost.**

**Arrive in the wind.**

One: God who spoke in a bush that was burned but not consumed,

**All: come to us this day - Pentecost.**

**Arrive in a holy flame.**

One: God who is present each time we gather at the table,

**All: come to us this day - Pentecost.**

**Arrive in conversation and connection.**

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit.

Set us aflame, but do not consume us.

Fill us with holy nourishment.

**All: We have arrived this day - Pentecost.**

**We have come to worship.**

**Hymn** *All Who Are Thirsty* VT 49

### HEARING THE WORD

#### Children's Time

**Hymn** *As the Wind Song through the Trees* VT 373

**Scripture** Acts 2:1-18

\*written by Rev Caela Simmons Wood