

S is for Sacred...and Summer!

Community Mennonite Church

Worship July 2018

God doesn't operate in the realm of abstraction. Our material lives are the sacred reality God created and loves. Our ordinary daily life is the sacred host to the Spirit's transforming work in the world. This is why Christ's incarnation and resurrection are so basic to Christian theology and spirituality: both are bodily and became sacred shared testimony of the church. This worship series: **S is for Sacred...and Summer!** introduces Christian themes that are relevant year-round, but especially fitting for these summer months when rhythms of creation and our calendars shift.

July 1st **Sabbath**

Guest Preacher: Anita Amstutz

Mark 2:23-3:6; II Corinthians 4:5-12,
Psalm 139: 1-18; Exodus 20:8-11

July 8th **Selah**

Preacher: Pastor Jennifer Davis Sensenig

Baptisms: Eli Nafziger; Zach Bauman;

Theodore Yoder; Amy Czjakowski

Selected Psalms chosen by Baptismal Candidates

July 15th **Service**

Guest Preachers: Rose Shenk &

Bruce Buckwalter (serving in Ethiopia)

Romans 12:14-18

July 22nd **Stubbornness**

Preacher: Pastoral Intern Jordan Luther

Genesis 32:22-32; Hosea 12:2-6

July 29th **Shalom**

Preacher: Pastor Jennifer Davis Sensenig

Selected scriptures on peace from VBS curriculum

Sabbath is not a concept, but a lived practice. Selah (a Biblical word appearing in the psalms) reminds us that eternity is not simply the hereafter, but impinges on our daily life. Service to brother, sister, neighbor and stranger is essential in a world of need, but also fraught with the dynamics of privilege and power. Stubbornness is not listed among New Testament virtues per se, but clearly a disposition among saints in every age. Our final Sunday in this series focuses on Shalom, another Biblical word that encompasses salvation, justice, peace and wholeness. We hope you will join CMC in experiencing the Sacred as we worship God together on Sundays at 10am. As a peace church where everyone is welcome, we welcome you to receive God's blessing, turn toward Christ and share your life as a sacred offering for the world.

