

"Stubborn loyalty to the community of the Spirit is joining the circle around Jesus as the primary social location where we learn to act toward all others as, in reality, we act toward Jesus." (Augsburger, *Dissident Discipleship*, 125)

## GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE AS CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY

**Early Singing**                      Holy is the Lord  
Forever  
Take my whole heart

### Welcome and Invocation

**Gathering Song**                      HWB1 What is this place  
HWB29 Like the murmur of  
the dove's song

### Pastoral Prayer

### Offering Ourselves

## HEARING GOD

**Receiving from God**                      Ephesians 4:4-6  
Acts 2:42-47  
2 Corinthians 8:1-7  
Matthew 25:31-40

**Community Song**                      A centering prayer

### Children's Story

**Scripture Reading**                      Mark 1: 16-20  
Colossians 2:6,7

**Message**                      Anabaptist Spirituality:  
The practice of stubborn loyalty

- Roland Kuhl

**Response Song**                      G533 They'll know we are Christians

## SHARING COMMUNITY LIFE

### Sharing in Response

**Benediction**                      2 Corinthians 13:14

**\*In an effort to be responsible stewards of the resources with which we are blessed, we encourage you to share a bulletin with the person next to you.**

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# NORTH SUBURBAN MENNONITE CHURCH

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*“As a living body of Jesus Christ,  
our vision at North Suburban  
is to be a Christ-centered community,  
embodying Christ-like compassion,  
living with Christ-led courage.”*

### OUR VALUES:

- A Christianity that loves God with **Heart** (emotions, passion), **Soul** (consciousness and eternal perspective), **Mind** (intellectual development and rigor) and **Strength** (action and service).
- Well planned and creative worship.
- The nurture of children and all ages toward their personal expression of Christian faith.
- A congregation that embraces the prodigal and guides their return to God’s family.
- Leadership development and mentoring.
- Encouragement of individual and corporate witness for the peace of Christ and the justice of God’s kingdom, both now and in the world to come.
- Innovation and inventiveness.
- A congregational size to make disciples, make friends and build community.
- Connection to the life and witness of Mennonite Church USA.

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“I see Lent as a time, not merely for being contrite and repentant in light of the coming of Easter, but perhaps more importantly a time of preparing ourselves to be more open to God, more open to the presence of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit in our lives. And this is not merely to last for Lent—but to give us a time for intentional focus to foster an ongoing openness to God following Lent and throughout the year.

In this series, the longer title might be: Opening ourselves to the presence of God—Exploring our Anabaptist spirituality. I would like us to explore the characteristics of our spirituality as Anabaptists in order to shape our spirituality in such a way that it is not shaped by our own formulations but is formed by the Spirit of Christ Jesus in us as we give ourselves to follow after Christ as his disciples.”  
- Roland

**Sunday, February 28, 2010**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**