

SOUTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Creating brave spaces that nurture and inspire the human spirit

Pieces of the Mirror: 500 years of Anabaptism 1525-2025

February 9th, 2025

Now it will be asked by many who do not recognize [this as] the will of Christ for us, whether a Christian may or should employ the sword against the wicked for the defence and protection of the good, or for the sake of love. Our reply is unanimously as follows: Christ teaches and commands us to learn of Him, for He is meek and lowly in heart and so shall we find rest for our souls.

Michael Sattler / The Schleitheim Confession (1527)

GATHERING

Welcome

Centering music

Call to Worship (adapted from VT 915)

Leader: Holy God, by your Word you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being.

People: Send your Spirit, listening God.
Renew our faith,
increase our hope,
and deepen our love
for the sake of a world in need.

Hymn God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens **VT 529**

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

The Poet's Word Isaiah 2:2-5

Hymn Mountain of God **VT 11**

A Time for All God's Children

Scripture Matthew 5:38-48

Sermon Jan Smit (1572) A Pacifist's Story David Moser

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn My Soul Cries Out **VT 412**

Offering

Sharing our lives and our prayers

Praying in the Way of Jesus

THE WORD IN THE WORLD

Hymn There's a wild hope in the wind **VT 828**

Benediction



Jan Smit's execution

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