

Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship
~Fourth Sunday of Easter~



Installation Service
April 25, 2010



Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship
Sunday Evening Worship
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Gathering

Prelude

Melissa

“Classic Praise”
“Fairest Lord Jesus”

arr. Dino
arr. Labenske

Welcome & Centering Words

Jan and Marie, Worship Leaders

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Sing and make melody!

People: *We give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples.*

Leader: We sing praises to you among the nations.

People: *For your steadfast love is higher than the heavens.*

Leader: Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

**All: *Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let
your glory be over all the earth.***

***Hymn of Gathering**

Hymnal: A Worship Book # 299

“New Earth, Heavens New”

Lighting of the Community Candle

Kathy

**All: *We light these flames to honor our past. We light these flames to
endorse our present as a community. We light these flames to
symbolize our future.***

Intercessory Prayer

Anita

Centering Hymn

Sing the Journey # 29

“You Are All We Have”

Prayer of Confession

***We admit, holy God, that we find it hard to hear your promise of new life. Even
when we are dissatisfied with our lives, it is easier to cling to what we know than to
risk the unknown. You challenge us to accept people who are different from us,
but we are not eager to associate with them. You command us to love one another,
but some people are not lovable. O God, melt our defenses so we can accept your
love and let it flow through us. Grant us courage to embrace newness. Amen.***

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

All: *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

The Peace

Leader: God makes peace within us. Let us claim it.
God makes peace between us. Let us share it.
Let us greet one another as a sign of God's peace.
The peace of God is here to stay.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

*You are invited to share the peace with your neighbors with the greeting
"Shalom" or "The Peace of Christ."*

Hearing God's Word

New Testament Reading

Fancheon

Luke 24:13-16, 28-33a

Hymn of Assurance

Hymnal: A Worship Book # 540

"Strong, Righteous Man of Galilee"

Prayers of the People

Marge

Lords Prayer (use *trespasses*)

New Testament Reading

Bernie

Acts 17:24-28a

Reflections

Blake, Nick, Jim, Dorothy, David, and Lois

Installation Service

PRESENTATION

Leader: Sisters and brothers, we gather today as the Body of Christ to install Anita as pastor of Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship.

People: Believing that we have been guided by the Spirit of Christ, we have called Anita to be our minister.

Leader: In commending Anita for this ministry, will you also uphold her in it?

People: We will support Anita in her calling.

WORDS OF EXAMINATION

CHARGE

People: The charge to you becomes a charge to all of us, for we are all members one of another. As you exercise your gifts in equipping God's people for their work of ministering, we also will exercise our Spirit-given gifts. They are God's to use even as your gifts are at God's disposal. As servants of Jesus Christ with you, we affirm the exercise of leadership ministry committed to you. We earnestly desire that for us and for all whom you will serve, you will be a faithful minister of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER

Responding to God's Word

Offering

Central District Conference

Offertory Prayer

Anita

Offertory

Hymnal: A Worship Book #385

"What Gift Can We Bring"

(verses 1-3)

****Confession of Faith*** (Section 3)

*We accept God's call to live in the Spirit as faithful disciples,
practicing purity, stewardship, justice and peace,
and loving friend and enemy.*

*We joyfully worship God, the three-in-one,
giving allegiance to Christ as Lord.*

*We believe in God's everlasting reign,
in victory over evil, in the resurrection of the dead,
in Christ's coming again in judgment and glory.*

To God be praise forever and ever. Amen!

-Based on "Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective" (1995)

Communion

Hymn of Preparation

Hymnal: A Worship Book #477

"For the Bread"

Call to Communion

Anita

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Benediction

*Words of Blessing

Don

*Hymn of Sending

“How Can We Be Silent”

Sing the Journey # 61

*Postlude

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Melissa