

Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship
~ Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost ~



August 8, 2010



**Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship
Sunday Evening Worship
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Gathering

Prelude

Anita

Welcome & Centering Words

Jan, Worship Leader

***Call to Worship**

Leader: People of God, Look about creation and see the faces
of those we know and love—neighbors and friends,
brothers and sisters—a communion of kindred hearts.

***People: People of God, look about and see the faces of those
we hardly know—strangers, sojourners, forgotten
friends, the ones who need an outstretched hand.***

Leader: People of God, look about and see all the images of
God assembled here today. In me, in you, in each
of us everywhere, God's Spirit shines for all to see!

People: People of God, come, let us worship together.

***Hymn of Gathering**

Hymnal: A Worship Book #1

“What Is This Place”

Lighting of the Community Candle

***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

Centering Hymn

Hymnal: A Worship Book #16

“God Is Here Among Us”

(verse 1)

Prayer of Confession

***O God of love, God of power, we have heard your promises of abundant life and
have been afraid to believe them. We have worshiped you with our lips but have
reserved parts of ourselves for our own purposes and plans. We are bound by
our need for absolute certainty and so we often miss your living presence in the
surprises of life. Renew us by turning our trust to you again. 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

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Hymn of Assurance

Sing the Journey #68

"O Hear, My People"

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayers (use *trespasses*)

New Testament Reading

Luke 12:32-40

Sermon

Gerald Mast

"The Futility of Sacrifice"

Responding to God's Word

Offering

Lion and Lamb Peace Arts Center

Offertory Prayer

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

Sing the Journey #86

"Taste and See"

Call to Communion

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Benediction

*Words of Blessing

*Hymn of Sending

*Hymnal: A Worship Book #428 "Lord, Let Us
Now Depart in Peace"*