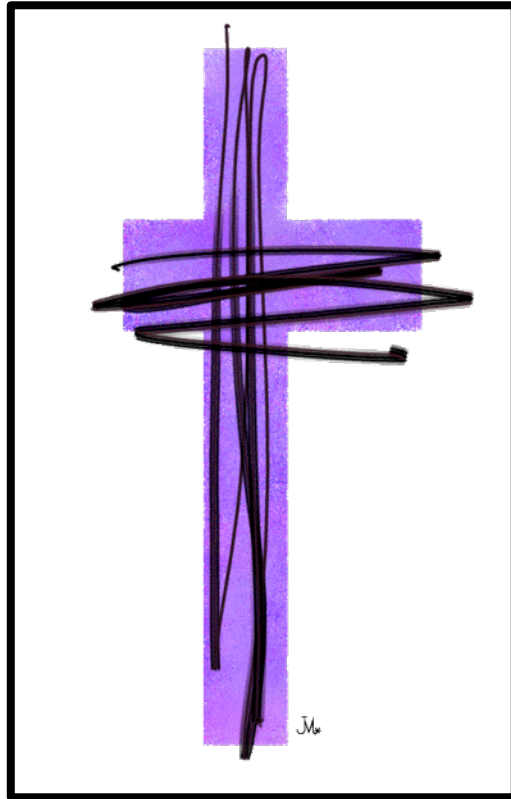


Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship
~ Season of Lent ~



Holding On, Letting Go



**Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship
Sunday Morning Worship
February 21, 2010**

***“With God as our dwelling place and the Holy Spirit
empowering us and revealing the way, we learn to
trust the Word within our own hearts.”***

Prelude

Melissa

*“Holy, Holy, Holy”
“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”*

Dykes

Atkinson

HOLDING ON

Gathering

*Call to Worship

Marie, Worship Leader

Leader: We live in the shelter of the Most High,

People: We place our trust in the Almighty,

Leader: We claim with confidence God’s protection.

People: When we call out, our God will answer.

All: In our trouble, God will be near.

*Hymn of Gathering

Hymnal: A Worship Book #162

“The God of Abraham Praise”

Affirmation of Faith

Hymnal: A Worship Book #710

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Anita

Hearing God’s Word

Old Testament Reading

Bernie

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

New Testament Reading

Anita

Luke 4:1-13

*Hymn of Assurance

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

*Jesus walked this lonesome valley;
He had to walk it by himself.
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him;
He had to walk it by himself.*

*We must walk this lonesome valley;
We have to walk it by ourselves.
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us;
We have to walk it by ourselves.*

Dramatic Reading

"Baskets"

Bernie and Anita

Sermon

"Eating and Becoming the Body of Christ"

John Rempel

LETTING GO

Hymn of Assurance

"I Will Come to You in the Silence"

(See insert)

Confession

*Lord, strip us of any illusions that block our way to you.
Let your Word within us comfort, disturb, and convert us.
God, fill us now with the law of the Spirit which sets
us free from sin and death. Amen.*

[Silence]

*God fills us now with the blessed Holy Spirit and with all
gifts we need for the Lenten journey: a desire for God's
presence, a constant faith, and joy and gladness. Our empty
hands are full. We rest in the comfort of God's care.*

Offering

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MCUSA: *Bringing Healing and Hope*

Offertory Prayer

Anita

Hymn of Surrender

"What Gift Can We Bring"
(verses 1 - 3)

Hymnal: A Worship Book #385

Communion

Call to Communion

Anita

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Sending

*Words of Blessing

Marie

*Hymn of Sending

Sing the Journey #77

“The Peace of the Earth”
(sing twice)

*Postlude

Melissa

“Holy, Holy, Holy”