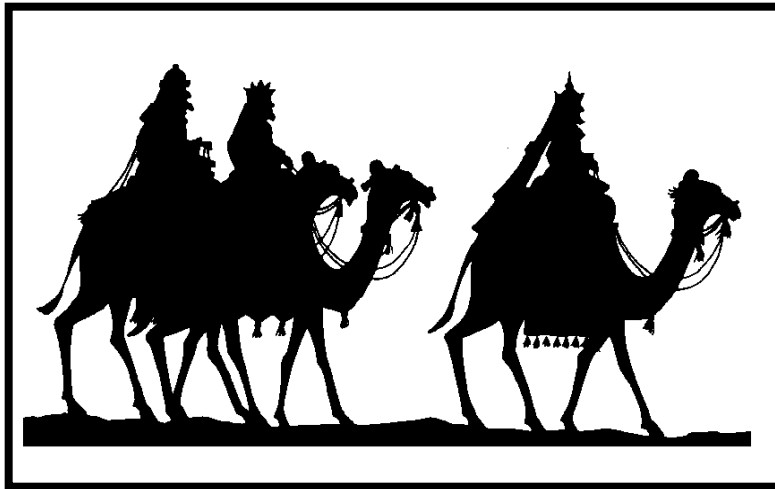


Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship



"Be the Sign"

January 2, 2011



Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship
Sunday Morning Worship
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Gathering

Prelude

Melissa

Welcome & Centering Words

Marie, Worship Leader

Call to Worship

Leader: Get up! Lift your eyes! See the shining! Your light has come; the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Men: *Though vast darkness covers our planet, now God has appeared ... like a floodlight revealing this Christ child.*

Women: *The treasures of the magi are gifts of mere earthly kings compared to the Gift that is now made known to all creation.*

Leader: Messiah, Christ,

Men: *Prince of peace,*

Women: *Defender of the poor:*

All: *You offer mercy to all, you free us from oppression.*

Leader: Our souls, tattered by the world, became radiant.

Men: *Our hearts thrill and rejoice!*

Women: *We dare to utter the hope of the promise:*

All: *We taste at last the year of Jubilee.*

*Gathering Hymn

Hymnal: A Worship Book #218

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

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

Anita

Centering Hymn

Hymnal: A Worship Book #208

"Love Came Down at Christmas"

Hearing God's Word

Old Testament Scripture

Isaiah 60:1-6

Song of Assurance

Hymnal: A Worship Book #493

"I Heard the Voice"

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (use *trespasses*)

New Testament Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

Anita

"Be the Sign"

Responding to God's Word

Offering Prayer

Anita

Offering

MCC Meat Canner

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal: A Worship Book #385

"What Gift Can We Bring"

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of all people, we cry out to you from the prisons of our own self-concern. We have sought to create you in our own image, to serve people like us. We shrink from your righteousness and justice. We participate in acts of oppression and violence, sometimes actively, often through neglect. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us out of the shadows. Help us to hear your prophets, to see the signs of your activity among us, to feel the pain of sisters and brothers who need our compassion, not our judgment. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Communion

Hymn of Preparation

Hymnal: A Worship Book #477

"For the Bread"

Call to Communion

Anita

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Sending

*Words of Blessing

*Hymn of Sending

Hymnal: A Worship Book #418

"Move in Our Midst"

Postlude