

Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship
~ Epiphany Sunday ~



Adoration of the Magi
Bartolomé Esteban Murillo, 17th century



Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship
Sunday Morning Worship
January 3, 2010

Gathering

Prelude

Melissa

“Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light”

arr. Berry

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

arr. Livingston

Welcome & Centering Word

Jan, Worship Leader

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Although the beckoning star heeded by wise travelers long ago no longer leads the way,

People: The manger-born Christ is still to be found and followed.

Leader: We are not brought to our knees in surprise as were those journeyers of old,

People: Yet our desire to worship can be as deep as theirs.

Leader: And though we do not bear gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh,

People: We offer ourselves and what we have.

Leader: The story continues. The good news abounds. There is a living Christ to discover and worship and serve.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad!

***Hymn of Gathering**

Hymnal: A Worship Book # 216

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

Lighting of the Community Candle

Dorothy

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.

Centering Hymn

“The Lord Is in His Holy Temple”

Prayer of Confession

God of perfect light, lead us as we proceed through life. Forgive us when, like Herod, selfish ambition makes us willing to hurt others. Forgive us when, unlike the magi, we refuse to follow the light you give us. Shine in our lives through the light of your Christ, in whose name we pray. 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

Dave and Tanya

Psalm 72:1-7; 10-14

Hymn of Assurance

Hymnal: A Worship Book #220

"Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness"

Prayers of the People

Kyle

Lord's Prayer (use *trespasses*)

New Testament Reading

Linda

Matthew 2:1-12

Reflections of a Wise Man

Don

Sermon

Anita

"By Another Road"

Quiet Reflection

Melissa

Responding to God's Word

Offering

Mennonite Disaster Service

Offertory Prayer

Anita

Offertory

Hymnal: A Worship Book #385

"What Gift Can We Bring"

(Verses 1 - 3)

****Confession of Faith*** (Section 1)

We believe in God the Creator of all,

known to us through perfect love,

who has called for a people of faith.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Word become flesh,

*crucified and resurrected,
our Savior from sin, our peace, and
Lord of the church.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
poured out on all believers,
our source of inspiration and power.
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 #87

"Put Peace into Each Other's Hands"

Call to Communion

Anita

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Benediction

*Words of Blessing

*Hymn of Sending

Hymnal: A Worship Book #218

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

*Postlude

Melissa