

Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship
~Fourth Sunday After Epiphany~



The Brow of the Hill near Nazareth
(L'escarpement de Nazareth)
Artist: James Tissot, French, 1836-1902



Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship
Sunday Morning Worship
January 31, 2010

Gathering

Prelude

Melissa

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Barnby

“How Firm a Foundation”

arr. Labenske

Welcome & Centering Words

Jim, Worship Leader

*Call to Worship

~from Psalm 71

Leader: Come, people of God, to the one in whom we trust.

Praise God who delivers and rescues us.

People: God is our rock of refuge, our strong fortress.

God saves us amid wickedness and cruelty.

Leader: Hope in God, who has created you.

Open yourself to the one who knows you well.

People: God accepts us, even when people do not.

God affirms us, even when we fail.

Leader: Our God gives us tasks to do and strength to do them.

God's Word of love is ours to proclaim.

People: We have come to embrace the mysteries of our faith.

We are here to worship the God who empowers us.

*Hymn of Gathering

Hymnal: A Worship Book #343

“My Hope Is Built”

Lighting of the Community Candle

John

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

“The Lord Is in His Holy Temple”

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, as the church, we are part of your redeeming work in history. Yet we know that often we seek our own success and salvation, and fear to follow Christ in commitment to a vision of wholeness for the world and its people.

Help us to speak and act our parts in the great drama of your love, and in the freeing gospel of Jesus 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

Alex

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Hymn of Assurance

Sing the Journey #44

"The Love of God"

Prayers of the People

Millard

Lord's Prayer (use *trespasses*)

New Testament Reading

Bernie

Luke 4:20-30

Sermon

Anita

"On the Brow of the Hill"

Quiet Reflection

Melissa

Responding to God's Word

Offering

MCC: Haiti

Offertory Prayer

Anita

Offertory

*Hymnal: A Worship Book #385
"What Gift Can We Bring"*

Communion

Hymn of Preparation

Hymnal: A Worship Book #477

“For the Bread”

Call to Communion

Anita

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

***Confession of Faith** (Section 2)

*We respond to Christ in faith as the church,
the community sustained by the Spirit,
called to proclaim and witness to the kingdom of God.*

*We continue the mission of Christ,
making disciples, forgiving and restoring sinners,
baptizing believers, sharing the Lord's Supper,
using our gifts in unity and love.*

*We commit ourselves to follow Jesus Christ,
growing by grace into the image of God.*

To God be praise forever and ever. Amen!

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

Benediction

*Words of Blessing

*Hymn of Sending

Sing the Journey #61

“How Can We Be Silent”

*Postlude

Melissa