

*Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship*  
*Season after the Epiphany*



*January 9, 2011*



**Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship**  
**Sunday Evening Worship**  
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***Gathering***

Prelude

Melissa

Welcome & Centering Words

Anita, Worship Leader

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: From the midst of our real lives with their very real problems,

***People: We come to seek courage and strength from the presence of God and the support of one another.***

Leader: As persons who love imperfectly and are loved imperfectly,

***People: We come to be renewed by the perfect love of God, proclaimed in the community of love and faith.***

Leader: As persons who never fully live up to their high calling in Jesus Christ,

***People: We come to be encouraged to do our best for one more week.***

***All: Let us worship, with hearts open to the love of God, with hands outstretched to one another, and with whole selves willing to accept the cost and joy of being Christ's disciples. Amen.***

**\*Gathering Hymn**

*Hymnal: A Worship Book #124*

*"O Worship the Lord"*

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

*Sing the Journey #29*

*"You Are All We Have"*

***Hearing God's Word***

Old Testament Scripture

*Isaiah 42:1-9*

Song of Assurance

*Sing the Journey #54*

*"Longing for Light"*

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (use *trespasses*)

New Testament Scripture

*Acts 10:34-43*

Sermon

Tig Intagliata

*“Faith and Favoritism”*

***Responding to God’s Word***

Offering Prayer

Anita

Offering

*College Scholarship Fund*

Offertory Hymn

*Sing the Journey #60*

*“Lord of All Good”*

***Prayer of Confession*** (unison)

***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 peoples. 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***

***Words of Assurance***

Leader: Hear the good news! God has forgiven each one of us and calls us to take our parts in the drama of redeeming love.

***People: Praise God, who accepts us and uses our very human lives in the unfolding story of salvation and new life!***

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

***People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.***

***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 #407*

*“We Are People of God’s Peace”*

Postlude