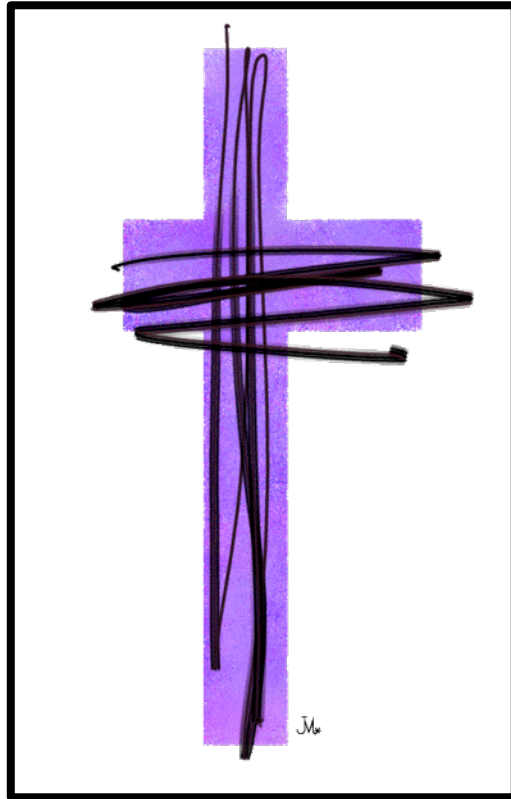


*Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship*  
*~ Season of Lent ~*



*Holding On, Letting Go*



**Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship**  
**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**March 7, 2010**

*“When we drink from the water God is for us,  
we find we can leave behind all that does not satisfy.”*

Prelude

Gwen and Les

**HOLDING ON**

***Gathering***

\*Call to Worship

Jan, Worship Leader

Leader: Like parched ground waits for rain,

***People: we long for God, body and soul,***

Leader: When we see God’s power and glory,

***People: we can’t help but lift our hands in praise.***

Leader: God is the one we seek,

***All: the one we’ll hold on to.***

\*Hymn of Gathering

*Sing the Journey #127*

*“God of the Bible”*

Affirmation of Faith

*Hymnal: A Worship Book #715*

Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Jan

Lord’s Prayer (use *trespasses*)

***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

Linda

*Psalm 63:1-8*

Hymn of Assurance (See insert)  
*"I Will Come to You in the Silence"*

New Testament Reading Nick  
*Luke 13:1-9*

Sermon Gwen Gustafson-Zook  
*"Mercy Me!"*

Song Sing the Journey #54  
*"Longing for Light"*

## **LETTING GO**

### **Confession**

*Source of everything good, we have worshipped other gods, and hungered and thirsted for things that do not satisfy. Do not test us beyond our strength, but restore us in Jesus' name.*

[Silence]

*God, fill us now with living water that we may be refreshed and renewed in you.*

### **Offering**

Offering MVS: Bringing Healing and Hope  
Ryan Schmidt Support

Offertory Prayer Jan

Hymn of Surrender Hymnal: A Worship Book #385  
*"What Gift Can We Bring"*  
*(verses 1 - 3)*

### **Communion**

Call to Communion Gwen

Sharing the Bread and the Cup


### **Sending**

\*Words of Blessing Jan


\*Hymn of Sending Sing the Journey #73  
*"The Lord Lift You Up"*

\*Postlude Gwen and Les

## **I Am Not Asking You**



**I am not asking you  
to take this wilderness from me,  
to remove this place of starkness  
where I come to know the wildness within me,  
where I learn to call the names  
of the ravenous beasts that pace inside me,  
to finger the brambles that snake through my veins,  
to taste the thirst that tugs at my tongue.**



**But send me  
tough angels,  
sweet wine,  
strong bread:  
just enough.**

**Jan L. Richardson, *In Wisdom's Path***