

Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship
~ Sixth Sunday of Easter ~



From a focus on our tribe and nation, Jesus calls us to become companions to unexpected new followers. We enlarge our understanding of what it means to be part of the family of faith.



Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship
Sunday Evening Worship
May 9, 2010
Mother's Day

Gathering

Prelude

Melissa

Welcome & Centering Words

Bernie, Worship Leader

*Call to Worship

Leader: Because God has shown kindness and blessing,

People: All lands know God's power to save.

Leader: So let all people praise you, O God.

People: Let all the people praise you.

Leader: You are the one who dispenses true justice;

People: You guide all the nations of the earth.

*Hymn of Gathering

Hymnal: A Worship Book # 299

"New Earth, Heavens New"

Lighting of the Community Candle

Tanner

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"

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we admit to attitudes that exclude rather than embrace. We prefer to associate with others who think and act as we do. We turn away from those who are different from us. We identify some as enemies to be avoided or even destroyed. Forgive us, God, for seeking to limit your family. Awaken us to the limits of our understanding and the narrowness of our dealings. Show us the better ways you intend, and make us bold to respond, we pray in Jesus' name. 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

Marie

Psalm 67:1-7

Hymn of Assurance

Hymnal: A Worship Book # 89

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Prayers of the People

Melissa

Lord's Prayers (use *trespasses*)

New Testament Reading

Alex

Acts 16:9-15

Sermon

Anita

"Outside the Gate"

Quiet Reflection

Melissa

Responding to God's Word

Offering

MMN: Ryan Schmidt's Support

Offertory Prayer

Anita

Offertory

Hymnal: A Worship Book #385

"What Gift Can We Bring"
(verses 1-3)

***Confession of Faith** (Section 3)

*We accept God's call to live in the Spirit as faithful disciples,
practicing purity, stewardship, justice and peace,
and loving friend and enemy.*

*We joyfully worship God, the three-in-one,
giving allegiance to Christ as Lord.*

We believe in God's everlasting reign,

*in victory over evil, in the resurrection of the dead,
in Christ's coming again in judgment and glory.
To God be praise forever and ever. Amen!*

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

Communion

Hymn of Preparation

Hymnal: A Worship Book #456

"Shepherd of Souls, Refresh"

Call to Communion

Anita

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Benediction

*Words of Blessing

*Hymn of Sending

Hymnal: A Worship Book #427

"You Shall Go Out With Joy"

*Postlude

Melissa