

Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship

An Unexpected Hour



Advent 2010

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Sunday Evening Worship
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*In our time, we see the nations divided, each seeking its own interest.
God calls us beyond national boundaries into our being one people,
awakened from sleep and alert for signs of God's coming reign.*

Gathering

Prelude

*"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"*

Melissa
arr. Hayes
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Welcome & Centering Words

Bernie, Worship Leader

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
**People: *that God may teach us and we may walk in
God's paths.***

Leader: This is the moment to wake from sleep,
**People: *for salvation is nearer to us now
than when we first believed.***

Leader: The night is far gone, the day is near.
**People: *Be ready;
Jesus is coming at an unexpected hour.***

Chimes and Silence

Gathering Hymn

Hymnal: A Worship Book #140
"Open, Lord, My Inward Ear"
(verses 1 & 2)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Joel

Leader: We wait for light and lo! there is darkness;
we long for brightness, but we walk in gloom.
**All: *As we prepare to greet the Light, let our blinded
eyes be opened, for Christ is the light to them
that sit in darkness.***

Intercessory Prayer

Anita

Centering Hymn

"I Will Come to You in the Silence"

Hearing God's Word

Old Testament Scripture

Dave and Tanya

Isaiah 2:1-5

Advent Hymn

Hymnal: A Worship Book #178

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Prayers of the People

Marge

Lord's Prayer (use *trespasses*)

New Testament Scripture

Phyllis

Romans 13:11-14

Sermon

Anita

"Teach His Ways, Walk His Paths"

Chimes and Silence

Responding to God's Word

Offering Prayer

Anita

Offering

Agape Respite Care

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal: A Worship Book #385

"What Gift Can We Bring"

(verses 1 - 3)

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God, we are suspicious of your surprises.

People: *If you gather all people in your name,
we'll have to worship with people we love to hate.*

Leader: You say, "Keep watch," but we are distracted.

People: *We have been sleepless, though not alert;
awake, but not watching.*

Leader: Stir up your Spirit among us.

People: *Wipe the sleep from our eyes.*

Words of Assurance

Communion

Hymn of Preparation

Hymnal: A Worship Book #182

"Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee"

Call to Communion

Anita

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Sending

*Words of Blessing

*Hymn of Sending

“Joy to the World”

Bernie

Hymnal: A Worship Book #318

Postlude

Melissa