

Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship
~ Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost ~



Peace Sunday
September 19, 2010



**Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship
Sunday Morning Worship
Peace Sunday, Sept. 19, 2010**

Gathering

Prelude

Melissa

*"When Morning Gilds the Skies" arr. Leonard
"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" arr. Carter*

Welcome & Centering Words

Bernie & Marie, Worship Leaders

*Call to Worship

Leader: We come, like Abraham & Sarah, people with vision.

People: *We come, like Job, Thomas and the Samaritan woman, people with questions.*

Leader: We come, like Moses, Jeremiah and Mary, people with self-doubts.

People: *We come, like Joshua, Deborah and Stephen, people with courage.*

Leader: We come, like David, Mary Magdalene and Paul, people with sadness and sin in our memories.

ALL: *We come like Rebekah and Samuel, like Hosea and Esther, like John Mark and Priscilla, people with a part to play in the story of faith.*

*Hymn of Gathering

Hymnal: A Worship Book # 6

"Here in This Place"

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"

**Please stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we mourn the violence and injustice that takes root in many forms and in many places. We acknowledge that there are roots of conflict within ourselves. We confess that stereotypes, envy, suspicion and fear shape our perceptions and influence our actions. We repent of our participation in systems of power and control. We seek your forgiveness for our failure to align ourselves with your purposes.

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

Karen

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Hymn of Assurance

Hymnal: A Worship Book #483

"O God, who Gives Life"

Prayers of the People

Jan

Lord's Prayer (use *trespasses*)

Old Testament Reading

Dave

Psalms 79:1-13

Sermon

Don

"Who Speaks for God?"

Responding to God's Word

Offering

Mennonite College Scholarship Fund

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Hymnal: A Worship Book #385

"What Gift Can We Bring"

(verses 1-3)

****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)

Communion

Hymn of Preparation

Hymnal: A Worship Book # 477

"For the Bread"

Call to Communion

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Bernie, Anita, Marie

Benediction

*Words of Blessing

*Hymn of Sending

Hymnal: A Worship Book # 226

"You are Salt for the Earth"

Postlude

Melissa

Today's Greeter & Usher

Joel