

*Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship*  
*~ Epiphany Sunday ~*



**“Adoration of the Children”**  
**Gerard van Honthorst (1590-1656)**  
**Uffizi Gallery, Florence, Italy**

*“And the Word became flesh and  
lived among us, and we have seen his glory,  
the glory as of a father’s only son, full of  
grace and truth.” ~John 1:14*

**Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship  
Sunday Morning Worship  
January 4, 2009**

*Christ has no body now on earth but yours;  
no hands but yours; no feet but yours.  
Yours are the eyes through which  
Christ's compassion must look out onto the world.  
Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good.  
Yours are the hands with which He is to bless us now.  
~St. Teresa of Avila*

**Gathering**

Prelude

*"This Is My Father's World"*

Melissa  
*arr. Berry*

Welcome & Centering Word

Anita, Worship Leader

Call to Worship (*Unison*)

**Leader:** When the light of God shines,  
we shall see it and be radiant.  
Our hearts shall thrill and rejoice!

**All:** **Glorious God, shine in our hearts  
and fill us with praise.**

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.**

\*Hymn of Gathering

*Hymnal: A Worship Book #216  
"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"*

**Prayer of Confession** (*Unison*)

**Holy God, we confess and lament  
the violence of our world  
and our fascinated bondage  
to military might,  
merciless justice,  
self-righteous revenge,  
and national pride.  
Shine on us  
from the cradle of your vulnerability**

that forgiveness, mercy, and kindness  
may glow and grow among us  
through Jesus Christ. 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 neighbor with the greeting  
"Shalom" or "The Peace of Christ."*

***Hearing God's Word***

Epistle Reading

Wiebe Family

*~from Ephesians 3*

\*Song of Assurance

*Hymnal: A Worship Book #220*

*"Worship the Lord in the Beauty"*

Prayers of the People

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Gospel Reading

Howard

*John 1:9-18*

Sermon

Stephen "Tig" Intagliata

*"Word Becoming Flesh: The Incarnation Then & Now"*

Quiet Reflection

Melissa

*"How Brightly Beams the Morning Star"*

***Responding to God's Word***

Prayer

Anita

***Offering***

Mennonite College Scholarship Fund

Offertory

*Hymnal: A Worship Book #385*

*"What Gift Can We Bring"*

***Communion***

Hymn of Preparation

*Sing the Journey #87*

*“Put Peace into Each Other’s Hands”*

Call to Communion

Anita

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

***\*Benediction & Commission***

\*Hymn of Sending

*Hymnal: A Worship Book #208*

*“Love Came Down at Christmas”*

Postlude

Melissa

*“Let All Things Now Living”*

*arr. Berry*