



**Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship**

October 1, 2017

**Gathering**

Greeter/Usher  
Worship Leader  
Musicians

Martin  
Marie  
Anita & Russell

**Gathering Music**

**Silence**

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship**

*Leader: Burdened and bloated, we drag through the days.*

**People: *Hungering and haunted, we gather seeking life.***

**All: O God, you are our God, our souls thirst for you  
as in a dry and weary land. Are you among us  
or not?**

*Leader: The Lord is faithful in all ways. The Lord upholds  
all who hunger and thirst for justice.*

**\*Hymn of Gathering**

HWB #90

“For the Fruit”

**\*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 “The Peace of Christ”*

**Intercessory Prayer**

Anita

**Children Dismissed**

Greg & Nedra

**Prayers of the People**

Emi

**Scripture**

Rick

Exodus 17:1-3

**Hymn** HWB #474

*“I Hunger and I Thirst”*

**Scripture** Karen D.

*Philippians 2:1-8*

**Sermon** Anita

*“Abuzz”*

**Words of Response** unison

**The Beatitudes**

Brian Zahnd

*Blessed are those who are poor at being spiritual,  
for the kingdom of heaven is well-suited for ordinary people.  
Blessed are the depressed who mourn and grieve,  
for they create space to encounter comfort from one another.  
Blessed are the gentle and trusting, who are not grasping  
and clutching,  
for God will personally guarantee their share when heaven  
comes to earth.  
Blessed are those who ache for the world to be made right,  
for them the government of God is a dream come true.  
Blessed are those who give mercy,  
for they will get it back when they need it most.  
Blessed are those who have a clean window in their soul,  
for they will perceive God when and where others don't.  
Blessed are the bridge-builders in a war-torn world,  
for they are God's children working in the family business.  
Blessed are those who are mocked and misunderstood for  
the right reasons,  
for the kingdom of heaven comes to earth amidst such  
persecution.*

**Sharing the Meal** solo by Russell

*“Be Ye Glad”*

**Offering Focus** Camp Friedenswald  
**Offertory** HWB #407

*“We are People of God's Peace” vs 1 & 2*

**\*Words of Sending** unison

*Like a rock,  
God is under our feet.  
Like a roof,  
God is over our heads.  
Like the horizon,*

God is beyond us.  
Like water in a cup,  
God is within us.  
Like a pebble in the sea,  
we are in God.  
Let us go out and change our world  
as God has changed our lives. AMEN

**\*Hymn of Sending**

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“We are People of God’s Peace” vs 3

**Announcements**

Compassionate Ministries donations for October: Beans

October 14 – ERMF Coffee, 9:30am @ Alpine Rose

October 22 – ERMF 10 year Sunday

November 17 – Meal @ The Crossing

Upcoming Camp Friedenswald Retreats:

October 13-15      Men & Boys Retreat

October 14-16      Art Retreat

November 3-5      Crafting/Quilting Retreat