



Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship
February 16, 2020

Greeter/Usher
Worship Leader
Musician

Blake
Bertie
Russell

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Peter

GATHERING

Musical Interlude

Children bring forth the Christ candle

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Sisters and brothers, children in Christ; gather that we may be fed by the One who gives life.

People: Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk according to the law of God.

Leader: Love God, and obey the commandments God has given; choose life, that you and your descendants may live.

People: Blessed are those who keep God's testimonies, who seek God with their whole heart.

Leader: Let righteousness and faithfulness be your goals. Let reconciliation be the mark for all your relationships.

People: We praise God with upright hearts, fixing our eyes on all God's commandments.

***Invocation**

Bertie

God, whose ways reach beyond horizons we cannot see, and whose laws plumb the depths we only dimly discern, teach us today. We want to love you, but we do not always know how to do that. We want to keep your commandments, but we find it hard to distinguish between eternal truths and human invention. We want to make the right choices in life, but often there are no clear directions through the clouds and shadows that beset us. Come among us, dwell within us, as we seek to worship you. Amen.

***Gathering Hymn**

HWB #46

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

***CONFESSION**

unison

Merciful One, hear our cries. Come to us in the midst of our distortions and confusion to lead us to the good you have prepared for us. We confess that we have put our own pleasure ahead of your purposes. We have preferred our limited wisdom to your limitless revelation. We have been more ready to fight with one another than to free the oppressed, more inclined to feed our own egos than to give bread to the hungry. O God, we do not want to continue in our oppressive ways. Forgive us, and help us to change.

***AFFIRMATION**

unison

God, who knows our thoughts, answers our cries and rescues us from darkness. God, who understands our motives, reaches out to heal us and make us righteous. God, who is with us in our weakness, grants strength and power to live as salt and light. No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love God.

***Hymn**

HWB #327

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

***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”

Children Dismissed

John & Mary

Prayers of the People

Janean

PROCLAIMING

Scripture Reading

Tina

Psalm 119:1-8

***Hymn**

HWB #545

“Be Thou My Vision”

Scripture Reading

Daryl

SIRACH 15.1-4, 14-18

Sermon

Michael

“Wisdom’s Choice”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering Focus

Agape Respite Care
Swiss Village Endowment Fund

Offertory

Litany of Preparation

STJ #171

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Intercessory Prayer

Peter

SENDING

***Hymn of Sending**

HWB #546

“Guide My Feet”

***Benediction**

Peter

Postlude

Please remain seated during the postlude

Children carry out the Christ candle

**denotes standing*