



**Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship**  
March 1, 2020

Greeter/Usher  
Worship Leader  
Pianist

Daryl  
Jen  
Anita

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**GATHERING**

**Musical Interlude**

*Children bring forth the Christ candle*

**\*Call to Worship**

*Leader: The Creator has planted earth's garden for us; God bids us to come and care for it.*

**People: In our worship and in our work, we join with all creation to celebrate God's gifts.**

*Leader: Every morning we rise in God's steadfast love; every evening that love sustains and protects us.*

**People: In times of triumph or of temptation, the grace and mercy of God is offered to us.**

*Leader: God spreads before us a spiritual banquet and offers us life in all its intended wholeness.*

**People: We are here to receive once more from God's hand, so we can be responsible care-givers each day.**

**\*Invocation**

Jen

*Continue your creation within and among us, Gracious God, as we gather to worship you. Breathe into us the breath of life, so we may discover anew your empowering gifts. We want to use well the talents and resources you place in our hands, without coveting those beyond our reach. Open our eyes, attune our ears, and increase our awareness of your presence with us, so we may be equipped to face temptation and trial. Amen.*

**\*Gathering Hymn**

STJ #25

*"When Long Before Time" vs 1-3*

**\*CONFESSION**

**All: The temptation to sin is all around us – in beguiling whispers, in blatant invitations, in fantasies of power, in avoidance of involvement. All that contributes to our broken world and broken relationships keeps us from the fulfillment God intends. We are not all we could be. O Loving God, hear us, forgive us, draw us back to yourself.**

**\*AFFIRMATION**

**All: In Jesus Christ there is poured out on us, in abundance, the free gift of God's grace. We are forgiven and set free from our addictions, our pretensions, our idolatry. We are released from self-centeredness, from playing to the crowds, from our preoccupation with things. Here is good news: In steadfast love, God redeems us. Live as those who have experienced God's glory and sensed God's healing in their lives. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

“When Long Before Time” vs 4-6

STJ #25

**\*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**

Lonnie

**PROCLAIMING**

**Scripture Reading**

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Jenna

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 4:1-11

Don

**Sermon**

Peter

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**Offering Focus**

MDS & MEDA

**Offertory**

Anita

**\*Hymn**

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore” vs 1-3

HWB #229

**Litany of Preparation**

STJ #171

**Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

**Sharing Joys and Concerns/Intercessory Prayer**

Peter

**SENDING**

**\*Hymn of Sending**

Hymn #226

*“You Are Salt for the Earth” vs 1-3*

**\*Benediction**

Peter

**Postlude**

Anita

***Please remain seated during the postlude***

*Children carry out the Christ candle*

*\*denotes standing*