



Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship

March 8, 2020

Greeter/Usher
Worship Leader
Pianist

Rick
Linda
Anita

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Musical Interlude

Children bring forth the Christ candle

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Sometimes our greatest enemy is fear. Fear that we are not good enough. Fear that we have not worked hard enough. Fear that we will not live long enough to see the goodness of God in our lives.

People: Grasping fear that even what we have will be taken away. And sometimes it is taken away.

Leader: Sometimes we do lose what we thought we could not live without – and are surprised when life goes on.

All: It is then that we discover God, who is always faithful. God, who can always be trusted, who knows us better than we know ourselves.

***Invocation**

Linda

It's only week two in Lent; there's a long road ahead of us. Yet, if we are not careful, we can begin to stop paying attention. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God."
(Col. 3:16 NRSV)

***Gathering Hymn**

HWB #315

"This is a Story Full of Love"
(Sung to the tune of #110 "O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing")

***CONFESSION & AFFIRMATION**

Leader: Most Merciful God, whose son, Jesus the Christ, was tempted in every way, yet without sin. We confess before you that we have sinned; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us.

All: Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such love and trust that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will.

***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

Prayers of the People

Bertie

PROCLAIMING

Scripture Reading

Linda

Genesis 12:1-4

Hymn

HWB #135

"God, Whose Purpose is to Kindle

Scripture Reading

John

Romans 12:1-5; 13-17

Sermon

Peter

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Offering Focus

MDS (Mennonite Disaster Service)
MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates)

Offertory

Anita

Litany of Preparation

STJ #171

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Intercessory Prayer

Peter

SENDING

***Hymn of Sending**

Hymn #540

"Strong, Righteous Man of Galilee"

***Benediction**

Peter

Postlude

Anita

Please remain seated during the postlude

Children carry out the Christ candle

*denotes standing