Assembly Mennonite Church

“Gates and Gardens: Tending our Spaces and Letting Others In”

Tending the Gates and Gardens of Goshen

January 14, 2018

**Gathering and Praising**

HWB 6 Here in this place

Call to Worship (*HWB 661*)

Leader: We gather as pilgrims on a journey of faith

**People: We come seeking the cloud of your presence**

**as we travel the way.**

**We come seeking your pillar of fire**

**to light our darkness.**

*All: Shine in our hearts, O God,*

*with the light of your love.*

*Make your presence known*

*through Jesus the Christ. AMEN*

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Leader: God of peace, you call us to be peacemakers. As

We light this candle, remind us of our calling:

**People: To do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly**

**with you.**

**Offering**

STJ 11 Praise, praise, praise the Lord!

**Hearing God’s Word**

Children’s time

Scripture: Jeremiah 27:9\*\*; Nehemiah 2:1-5; Matthew 5: 13-16

Story Telling

**Response**

STJ 23 Slowly turning, ever turning

Confession and Words of Assurance

All: Merciful God, we have not loved you

With our whole heart, nor our neighbors

as ourselves. Forgive what we have been,

Accept us as we are,

And guide what we shall be.

Sharing and Pastoral Prayer

**Sending**

Announcements

HWB 226 You are salt for the earth

Benediction

**Worship Participants**

Visuals: Sibyl Graber Gerig, Ann Graber Miller; Worship leader: Julia Gautsche; Song leader: Becky Snider; Peace Lamp: Beverly Lapp; Children’s time: Rachel Hostetler; Scripture Readers: James Stuckey Weber, Emily Stuckey Weber; Story Tellers: Patrick Coonan, Marshall King

**You are invited** to a second hour discussion of the GRID program and the proposed Elkhart County Detention Center. Bryan Mierau from Center for Healing and Hope and Marlette Gomez Wengerd from the Coalition against the Elkhart County Immigration Detention Center will be present.

\*\***Children's bulletins** based on today's scripture for ages 3-6 and 7-12 are available at the back of the Worship Space.

**First time visitor?** Outside of the worship space in the foyer you will find a podium where you can sign in and pick up a yellow Q and A handout. If you have children in Sunday School, classroom locations are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.