Assembly Mennonite Church *March 11, 2018*

Lent: **“The Kingdom of God has come near”**

*Week 4*

**Gathering**

Welcome

**Peace Lamp:**

L: May this light expose the false orderings of power that oppress and kill.

**P: Make us bold to follow you, speak your Word, and trust in your justice and deliverance.**

**Praising**

Call to worship

STS 63 God, fill me now

**Confessing**

 Prayer of confession

 HWB 347 Through our fragmentary prayers

**Offering ourselves and our gifts**

STJ 32 If you believe and I believe

**Proclaiming**

 Children’s time

Scripture: Numbers 21:4-9, John 3:14-21

**Story**

Handout – Give thanks to God who hears our cries

**Sharing our common life**

Sermon response and sharing

Anointing

HWB 377 Healer of our every ill

STJ 15 Santo

Introduction of visitors

Announcements

**Sending**

    STJ 97 The Lord is my light

 Benediction

**Second Hour**

Danny Aramouni will again ­lead us in a Taize style contemplative reflection time. You are welcome to go get your tea or coffee and return to the worship space for this time of quiet meditation and song.

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*Worship Participants:* Storyteller: Regina Shands Stoltzfus*; Worship Leader, Gretchen Kraus; Song leader, Bill Mateer; Scripture reader, Deanna Risser; Worship Art Installation, Kathy Glick Miller*

*I created the visuals to invoke wilderness and nature, which many people find helpful for the introspection and reflection of the Lenten season. The design echoes the lovely children's coloring pages and includes small additions to the basic mountain design which children and adults alike may find engaging. - Kathy Glick Miller*