Order of Worship, Assembly Mennonite Church

17 June 2018, Growing & Tending: Generosity

Gathering

 L: God, we come together as your people.

 We come as a praising people, singing your goodness;

 **P: We come as a hungry people, longing to be fed;**

 L: We come as a praying people, bringing our needs, our joys;

 **P: We come as a journeying people, looking for direction.**

 ***ALL: In this hour of worship, empower us for faithful living.***

Welcome

Lord whose love in humble service (HWB 369)

You’ve got a place (STJ 4)

Peace Lamp

L: As we light this lamp, *let us sit in the stream of your love, shaded by the boughs of your mercy,*

 **P: We look to you, Divine Mother, for the healing of our world**

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,

May thy reign come, may thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver from evil

For thine is the reign and the power and the glory

For ever and ever, Amen.

Offering: As the rain from the clouds (STJ 40)

Birthday Candles

Children’s Time

Hearing God’s Word: Matthew 15:29-39

Stories of Generosity

Responding to the Word: I saw a tree (AS 137)

Sending Kristine Regehr

Sharing; & Pastoral Prayer

God’s Spirit is here (verses 1&2)

Announcements

Heart with loving heart united (HWB 420)

Sending:

 L: We came to worship

 P: **We go now to serve**

 L: We have been given the light

 P: **We go now to let it shine**

 L: We have been blessed by God’s love

 P: **We go now to share it**

 L: We are Christ’s disciples

 P: **We go now to witness to all**

Song Leader: Mary Gilbert; Musician: Pat Nuyken (piano); Worship Leader: Karen Graber Roth; Peace Lamp: Rod Hanby; Children’s Time: John Martens; Scripture Reading: Adam Graber Roth; Faith Messages: Anne Birky and Becky Snider; Pastoral Prayer: Anna Yoder Schlabach

**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.

**I saw a tree** vs 4:

I saw a tree in the city park

One day as I walked along.

Large & grounded, I could see

it inspi-i-red every-y-one

“How did you get so still & tall?”

I said to the city park tree-e

This is the song that my tree friend sang to me:

I’ve got roots growing down to the water…—and so on—

...I am nest for the birds of the heaven,

I’ve become what the Lord of trees has meant me to be:

a wise old tree.