**Fall Bible Study: Joshua** Assembly Mennonite Church

October 15, 2017

Gathering

HWB 610 On Jordan’s stormy banks

Welcome and Call to worship

Lighting the Peace Lamp

L: God of peace, you call us to be peacemakers, as we light this light, remind us of our calling:

**P: To do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with God**

HWB 36 God of our strength

STJ 27 God of the Bible

**Offering ourselves and our gifts**

Leader: Having covenanted ourselves to each other and to God, let us now stand in the presence of YHWH with awe and thanksgiving, committing ourselves to serve the LORD completely and sincerely, putting away all things that would obscure, impair or replace the majesty of God’s mighty acts, or bruise the dignity of any created being.

**People: We have, we do, and we will!**

Leader: But are you really able to serve YHWH, resisting the enticements of other, more tangible, more predictable, more controllable sources of prosperity and safety? YHWH will hold you accountable should you say one thing and do another.

**People: No, we will serve YHWH.**

Leader: You are your own witnesses that you are choosing to serve the LORD.

**People: Yes, we are witnesses. We affirm our commitment to serve YHWH.**

**All: We will listen attentively for God’s voice, and strive to serve the LORD.**

STJ 11 Praise, praise, praise the Lord!

Offering Prayer

**Hearing the Word**

STS 47 Let the children come to me (refrain only x2)

Children’s time

Joshua 24:1-15\*\*

Sermon “Long ago and far away”

**Responding to the Word**

HWB 582 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Sharing/response

Pastoral prayer

Announcements/ Instructions for second hour

**Sending**

HWB 483 O God, who gives us life

Benediction

**Second Hour Electives:** 1) Further conversation on Joshua; 2) Racism in America; 3) Contemplative practices through art; 4) Contemplative practices through nature

**Worship participants:** Song leader-Bill Mateer; Worship leader and Children’s Time-Anna Yoder Schlabach; Scripture reader-Clara Lind, Offering prayer- Jeremiah Chico; Sermon-Paul Keim; Pastoral prayer- Lora Nafziger; Visuals- Eric Good Kaufmann

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

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.