**Fall Bible Study: Joshua**

Assembly Mennonite Church

October 22, 2017

**Gathering**

HWB 6 Here in this place

Welcome and Call to worship

**Lighting the Peace Lamp** “Ubi caritas”—Ola Gjeilo

translation: “Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.”

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 51 Let the whole creation cry

**Covenanting**

Ashley Fehlberg, Duane Shank, Jose Rocha, and Erich Miller

**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.**

HWB 392 Heart and mind, possessions Lord

Offering Prayer

**Hearing the Word**

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

Children’s time

Hebrews 1:31; James 2:24-26; Matthew 1:2-6

Sermon

**Responding to the Word**

HWB 145 There’s a wideness in God’s mercy

Sharing/response

Pastoral prayer

Announcements/ Instructions for second hour

**Sending**

STS 49 I will come to you in the silence

Benediction

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

**Worship participants:** Song leader-Mary Gilbert; Special Music—members of the St. Joseph Valley Camerata; Worship leader-Kim Stuckey; Children’s Time-Mary Lehman Yoder; Scripture readers-Maria Wenger and Eric Yordy, Sermon-Kristy Shellenberger Yordy; Pastoral prayer- Karl Shelly; Visuals-Eric Good Kaufmann

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