**Fall Bible Study: Joshua**

Assembly Mennonite Church

October 29, 2017

**Gathering**

STJ 5 – Come and be light for our eyes

Welcome and call to worship

**Lighting the Peace Lamp**

L: God of peace, you call us to be peacemakers. As we light this lamp, remind us of your calling:

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

HWB 69 – Cuando el pobre (When the poor ones)

**Words of Praise and Confession**

HWB 553 – I am weak and I need thy strength

**Offering ourselves and our gifts**

STJ 2 – Hamba nathi (Come, walk with us)

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.**

Offering prayer

**Hearing the Word**

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

Children’s time

Matthew 22:34-46; Joshua 11:16-23

Sermon

**Responding to the Word**

STJ 66 – If the war goes on

Sharing/response

Pastoral prayer

Announcements/Introductions for second hour

**Sending**

HWB 306 – In Christ there is no East or West

Benediction

**Second hour electives:** 1.) further study of Joshua (Worship Space), 2.) exploration of Race in America guided by the newly formed racial justice ministry team (Northeast divider), 3.) contemplative art to feed and nourish the spirit with Julie Keim (Northwest divider), 4.) an outdoor contemplative walking session led by Jon Zirkle (hallway outside of the Worship Space).

**Worship participants:** Song leader – Jeanne Liechty; Worship leader – Jon Zirkle; Peace Lamp – Jonah Farran; Children’s Time – Steve Shantz; Scripture readers – Gretchen Krause (NT), Eliana Neufeld Basinger (OT); Sermon – Danny Aramouni; Pastoral prayer – Lora Nafziger; Worship visuals – Eric Good Kaufmann

**First time visitor?** Sign in and pick up a yellow Q & A handout at the podium outside the Worship space. If you have children in Sunday School, classroom locations are posted on the bulletin board.