**Fall Bible Study: Joshua**

Assembly Mennonite Church

November 12, 2017

**Gathering**

HWB 36 God of our strength

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**

STJ 27 God of the Bible

HWB 90 For the fruit of all creation

**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, 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 385 What gift can we bring

Offering Prayer

**Hearing the Word**

STS 47 Let the children come to me (refrain only 2x)

Children’s time

Joshua 20:1-4 and 21:1-3, 41\*\*

Sermon "The Justice of Joshua."

**Responding to the Word**

HWB 411 I bind my heart this tide

Sharing/response

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

**Sending**

HWB 418 Move in our midst

Benediction

***Joshua 20:4*** *The slayer shall flee to one of these cities and shall stand at the entrance of the gate of the city, and explain the case to the elders of that city; then the fugitive shall be taken into the city, and given a place, and shall remain with them.*

***Joshua 11:6*** *And the Lord said to Joshua, “Do not be afraid of them, for tomorrow at this time I will hand over all of them, slain, to Israel; you shall hamstring their horses, and burn their chariots with fire.”*

**Second Hour Electives:** 1) Further conversation on Joshua-Worship space; 2) Racism in America-northeast Divider; 3) Contemplative practices-northwest divider; 4) Contemplative walking-hallway gathering space

**Worship participants:** Song leader-Scott Hochstetler; Worship Leader-Susan Nelson, Children’s Time-Lisa Koop, Scripture-Ben Nelson, Sermon-Karl Shelly, Pastoral Prayer-Tom Kauffman, Visuals-Eric Good Kaufmann

**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.

\*\*Children’s bulletins based on today’s scripture for ages 3-6 and 7-12 can be found in the back of the worship space.