**Fall Bible Study: Joshua**

Assembly Mennonite Church

November 5, 2017

**Gathering**

HWB 26 Holy Spirit, Come With Power

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**

Recognition of All Saints Day

STJ 108 Give thanks for life

HWB 111 O praise the gracious power (vss 1-4)

**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 111 Santo, santo, santo

Offering Prayer

**Hearing the Word**

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

Children’s time

Joshua 9\*\*

Sermon “Cunning Gibeonites: A Creative Response to Conquest”

**Responding to the Word**

STJ 57 Mayenziwe (Your will be done)

Sharing/response

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements/instructions for second hour

**Sending**

STJ 76 The Lord bless you and keep you

Benediction

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

**Worship participants:** Song leader-Alan Greaser; Worship leader & Pastoral prayer-Tom Kauffman; Children’s Time-Kathy Meyer Reimer; Scripture readers-Matt & Monica Beachy family; All Saints’ Recognition-Lora Nafziger; Sermon-Anna Yoder Schlabach; 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 are available at the back of the Worship Space along with crayons and markers.