

Assembly Mennonite Church March 24, 2018

Lent: "The Kingdom of God has come near"

Week 5

Gathering

H 411 I bind my heart this tide

Welcome

Call to worship:

Leader: Where!

People: Where in the World?

All: Where in the world is the Kingdom of God?!

Leader: Out there! (pointing away)

People: In here! (pointing at their heads)

Leader: Where?

People: In here! (pointing at their hearts)

Leader: Where?

All: Coming near!

Leader: Almost here.

Peace Lamp:

L: Today we remember the young people across our nation-- and here with us today--who are protesting the senseless violence of assault weapons in schools. May this light expose the false orderings of power that oppress and kill.

P: Make us bold to follow you, speak your Word, and trust in your justice and deliverance.

Praising and adoring God

SJ 96 I'm pressing on the upward way

Scripture:

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Psalm 51: 6-12

Mark 12: 28-34

Offering

H 229 Tu has venido a la orilla

Prayer

Hearing God's word

Children's time: Where is the kingdom?

Sermon: Where in the World is the Kingdom of God? Out There. In Here. Coming Near.

Responding

H 128 Create in me a clean heart

Sharing /sermon response

Sending

Introduction of guests

Announcements

Benediction

STJ 44 The Love of God

Second Hour

Danny Aramouni will lead a Taize style contemplative reflection time. Feel free to get tea or coffee and return to the worship space for this time of quiet meditation and song.

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Worship Leaders, Clara and Sarah Kraybill Lind; Children's Time: Sarah Kraybill Lind; Sermon: Paul Keim; Song Leader: Jeff Martin; Scripture Reader: Clara Lind; Pastoral Prayer: Lora Nafziger;

Worship Art Installation

I created the visuals to invoke wilderness and nature, which many people find helpful for the introspection and reflection of the Lenten season. The design echoes the lovely children's coloring pages and includes small additions to the basic mountain design which children and adults alike may find engaging. - Kathy Glick Miller