**Assembly Mennonite Church**

**August 12, 2018**

GATHERING  
Welcome

Lighting the Peace Lamp

L: Open your ears, Assembly! The Lord our God is all that is.

**P: We will love God with all our hearts, with all our**

**minds, with all our souls, and with all our bodies.**

PRAISING

Call to Worship

"Praise with joy the world's Creator"  (STJ 16)

"When long before time"  (STJ 25)

Genesis 1:1-3

CONFESSING

**All: We awaken in Christ’s body**

**As Christ awakens our bodies.**

**1: I look down and my poor hand is Christ,**

**Christ enters my foot, and is infinitely me.**

**2. I move my hand, and wonderfully**

**My hand becomes Christ,**

**Becomes all of [Christ].**

**3. I move my foot and at once**

**Christ appears in a flash of lightning.**

L: Do my words seem blasphemous?

--Then open your heart to Christ

And let yourself receive the one

Who is opening to you so deeply.

**All: We awaken as the Beloved**

**In every last part of our body.**

*--excerpts from poem by St. Symeon the New Theologian*

*(949-1022 A.D.)*

John 1:14-18

"O the Father's love begotten"  (HWB 104)

OFFERING OURSELVES

Blessing for the New Church Year

"He came down" (STJ 31)

PROCLAIMING

Children’s time

"Good is the flesh"  (Handout)

2 Corinthians 5:17-6:2

Sermon

Responsive music

SHARING OUR COMMON LIFE

Sharing

Introduction of visitors

Announcements

SENDING

"Arise, your light is come!"  (STS 30)

Benediction

**Participants:** Worship leader: Gretchen Krause, Sermon: Gayle Gerber Koontz, Song leader: Bill Mateer, Peace Lamp: Anna Yoder Schlabach, Children’s Time: Naomi Chapman & Patricia Ebersole Zwier, Special Music: Anna Yoder Schlabach, Deanna Minnick

**2nd Hour for adults:** sermon discussion in Worship Space

**Sunday School Classroom Locations**

Infants ages 0-2: 2a (middle classroom west side)

Toddlers age 2: 9 (across from bathrooms)

PreK age 4: 8 (across from bathrooms)

Children in Worship (K): 4 (old MYF room)

Children in Worship (Grade 1): 5 (next to old MYF rm)

Grade 2: 7 (old church office)

Grade 3: 6 (old Christian Ed closet)

Grade 4 & 5: 2b (middle classroom east side)

Jr Youth (Grades 6-8): 1a & 1b (south classroom)

MYF: 3a & 3b (north classroom)