# Assembly Mennonite Church

September 16, 2018

*STJ 59 Confitemini Domino*

*HWB 1 What is this place*

***Welcome & Call to Worship***

***Peace Lamp***

L: We cry out with those who have survived abuse

**P:** God, have mercy and send your healing love

*STS 121 Nothing is lost on the breath of God*

***Confession:***

**Confessing is like walking into a dark cave, seeing nothing, hearing nothing –  
We do not know what we will find there.**  
**Maybe we will find the bones of things long dead  
Maybe we will find the living wings of a bat,   
or the thousand feet of some worm thing.  
Maybe we will find the silence not at all quiet, but full of unknown rustles.  
Maybe we will find ourselves,  
And find old hurts or desires that are long dead,  
And find the thousand feet of some urge or temptation that could carry us away in a heartbeat.**

**But it is only in the deepest dark that we can see**  
**The tiny light that is always present, that sliver that comes from an unknown place,  
That sliver of light that give us hope,  
That sliver of light that looks a bit like grace.**  
**It is only in the stillest silence that we can hear the whisper of mercy.  
Let us enter into silence.**

**Silence**

***Offering***

*HWB 353 Lord, listen to your children*   
Prayer

***Hearing God’s Word***

Mentor-Mentee Pair Recognition

Children’s Time

Scripture reading: 1 Samuel 8

Introduction to the text

Tamar’s Story

***Responding to the Word***

*STS 68 Kyrie*

Sharing and Pastoral Prayer

Ritual of Lament

***Announcements***

***Sending***

*HWB 372 O healing river*

***Benediction***

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*Worship leader*: Kim Stuckey; *Song leader*: Eric Kurtz; *Peace Lamp:* Maria Wenger; *Children’s Time*: Mary Lehman-Yoder; *Scripture reader*: Eric Yordy; *Introduction:* Kristy Shellenberger Yordy; *Monologue*: Regina Shands Stoltzfus; *Special Music:* Jeanne Liechty, Jamie Lake, Rebecca Dengler Kaufman, Karen Roth; *Pastoral prayer*: Tom Kauffman; *Ritual of Lament*: Carmen Horst; *Ritual of Fabric:* Joyce Hostetler, Carmen Horst, Anne Birky, Beck Unternehrer

Monologue written by Kristy Shellenberger Yordy and Jennifer Scarr, pastor at Trotwood Church of the Brethern