Assembly Mennonite Church

October 21, 2018

**Gathering**

   STJ #3 "Jesus calls us here to meet him"

   Handout "There is room in God's great welcome"

**Welcome**

**Lighting the Peace Lamp**

 Leader:  We pray for refugees, for immigrants, for the homeless, for the rejected, and all those without a place of welcome.  (Light peace lamp.)

**All:  “Watch now O Christ**

**With those who are weary**

**or wandering**

**or weeping…**

**Guide them to a house of your peace**

**And lead us to be caring for their tears.”**

**Amen**(J Philip Newell)

**Offering**

   STJ #32 "If you believe and I believe"

   Prayer

**Hearing God's Word**

Children's Time

   Scripture Genesis 18:1-8, Luke 15:11-32

   Sermon -- Paul Keim

**Responding to the Word**

   Handout "Let us build a house" ("All are welcome")

   Sharing

Pastoral Prayer

**Sending**

Announcements

   STJ #63 "Lord you give the great commission" (vss 1, 4&5)

   Benediction

Worship leader: Tom Kauffman, Scripture: Gayle Gerber Koontz, Song leader: Bill Mateer, Peace Lamp: Mary Roth.

**2nd Hour** will be the first week of our Fall Electives!

1. **Practicing Radical Gratitude** – MP Space East Side- Hear from various Assembly participants about different gratitude practices. We will hear from folks who write, make music, art, and practice gratitude across generations. This is a chance to learn more about why gratitude is good for your brain and soul and how to create your own practice.

2. **Bodies- Continuing our conversation about Sexuality-** MP Space West Side **-**Following our fall series on sexuality the conversation will continue in this elective as we talk about how our bodies are socialized for gender, work and social interaction. We will talk about how a community of faith can help us be hospitable to all ages of bodies and remind us that our bodies are lovingly and beautifully made.

3. **Hospitality-** Worship Space- Continue the 1st hour conversation with guests and on the Biblical theme of Hospitality. Delve further into the texts that we are using for this fall Bible Study.

**Hearing assistance is available**; talk to the person sitting at the sound booth. There are also large print hymnals available on the shelf by the entrance to the worship space.

**First time visitor?** WELCOME! We are glad you are worshiping with us this morning. If you want to know more about Assembly, sign the register on the podium in the gathering space and pick up a yellow Q&A sheet about the congregation. If you have questions, simply ask a friendly face near you. We hope to see you again soon!