**Yahweh is our Righteousness**

**Advent week three: Awaiting justice and joy**

Assembly Mennonite Church, Dec 16, 2018

GATHERING

AS 99 People look east

HWB 184 Hark! The glad sound!

Call to worship - Isaiah 12:2-6

PRAISING

The God that is Coming (video)

AS 15 For Everyone Born

WAITING AND WATCHING

Lament

*Leader: Yahweh, teach us your way of joy*.

All: **Yahweh, come among us.**

Advent processional

Come, come Emmanuel (back of order of worship)

Words of assurance

*Leader: Friends, don’t be afraid. Yahweh is coming.*

All: **Yahweh is coming.**

OFFERING OURSELVES

Parent-child dedications

**Beck Lloyd Mast**, child of Ally and Daniel Mast

**Phoenix Burgunder Coonan-Johnson**, child of Patrick Coonan and Dominique Burgunder-Johnson

All: **Beck and Phoenix,**

**May the very face of God shine upon you**

**and be gracious to you.**

**May God's presence embrace you**

**and give you peace.**

Offering

AS 67 Behold, behold, I make all things new

HEARING THE WORD

Zephaniah 3:16-20

Children’s time

See whose glory fills the skies, v.1&4 (Hymnal pocket)

Philippians 4:4-7

Sermon: Joy in the time of climate change

REFLECTING

Music for reflection – *Air on* *Ode to Joy* by Brian Balmages

Prayer

SPREADING THE LIGHT

HWB 175 O Savior, rend the heavens

Benediction

*Second hour will be a time of sharing and responding together.*

Advent processional: Rachel Hirschler, Eva Lake Rittenhouse, Cora Shreiner Landes, Magda Horst, Ellie Hirschler.

Song leader: Beverly Lapp; Instrumentalists: Mitch Rhodes, Wilma Harder; Stacey Farran, Jordana Farran, Mackenzie Mast, Rilynn Good Kaufmann.

Worship leader: Bethany Swope; Children’s time: Tara Burch; Sermon: Karl Shelly, co-pastor. Readers: Steven Johns, Jadyn Good Kaufmann. Parent-Child dedication and Prayer: Lora Nafziger, co-pastor.

Video: *The Work of the People featuring* Kelly Brown Douglas.

Second hour facilitator: Anna Yoder Schlabach, co-pastor.