**Assembly Mennonite Church**

**March 10, 2018**

**Lent 1, G*od calls us into the wilderness***

**Gathering**

Welcome and call to worship

HWB 559 O Thou, in whose presence

HWB 553 I am weak and I need thy strength

Scripture Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Birthday candles

**Confessing**

Before you, Jesus Christ, we admit how and where we have underestimated our influence, letting our words or silences hurt, abusing trust, betraying confidences. Lord have mercy,

**Christ have mercy**

We admit how and where we have made a show of our religion, attracting more attention to us, and less to you. Lord have mercy

**Christ have mercy**

We admit to where in our lives a vague interest has become a dangerous passion and we are not sure what to do, or whether we are still in control. Lord have mercy

**Christ have mercy**

Jesus if, we have looked or longed for an easier gospel, a lighter cross, a less demanding savior, then turn our eyes and avert our longing from what we want to choose to the one who has chosen us. Forgive our unfaithfulness, and, for our better living, give us not the remedy we desire tomorrow but the grace you offer today. This we ask for your love’s sake. Amen

Handout: Dust and ashes

**Offering**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Offering STS 40 Som’landela (We will follow)

**Hearing the Word**

STS 36 Jesus, tempted in the desert

Children’s Time (Following children’s time there is childcare available

for children three and under. Children staying in worship are

invited to use the worship resources on the south and west walls and the books on the east wall)

STS 80 Jesus walked this lonesome valley

Sermon

**Responding to the Word**

Communion

 STJ 29 You are all we have, Handout: Fill us with your feast

 STJ 100 Here I am, HWB 519 Shepherd me, O God

Sharing time/Pastoral Prayer

**Sending**

Welcoming visitors/ announcements

Benediction

HWB 430 God be with you

Join us second hour for a time of extended sharing after coffee and fellowship break.

*Worship leader*: Anna Yoder Schlabach | *Song leader*: Alan Greaser | *Children’s Time*: Patricia Ebersol-Zweir | *Musicians*: Jim Kaufmann, Wilma Harder | *Sermon:* Lora Nafziger *|Scripture reader:* Isaac Bontrager | *Visuals:* Kathy Glick Miller | *Communion servers:* Karl Shelly, Jodi Beyeler, Jonathon Schramm, Barb Swartley, Mary Lehman Yoder| *Blessing:* Lora Nafziger, Steve Shantz|*Ritual:* Carmen Horst

**First time visitor?** WELCOME! We are glad you are worshiping with us today. If you want to know more about Assembly, sign the register on the lectern 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 you see you again soon!