**Assembly Mennonite Church**

**March 17, 2019**

**Lent 2, G*od gathers us together in safe shelter***

**Gathering**

Welcome and call to worship

Call to worship (based on Psalms 63 and 27)  
 **Leader**: O God, you are our God. We seek you.  
 **People: Our souls thirst for you as in a dry and weary**

**land where there is no water.**  
 **Leader**: The Lord is our light and our salvation;  
 we shall not be afraid.  
 **People: We will wait for the Lord, and take courage,  
 for we will see God’s goodness.**

**All: *O God, you satisfy our souls as with a rich feast. In the***

***shadow of your wings, we sing for joy, and you uphold us.***  
HWB 6 Here in this place

HWB 595 Jesus, priceless treasure

Scripture Psalm 27:1-4 (the Message)

Birthday candles

**Confessing**

We proclaim our trust in God; yet we store up wealth, equip chariots for war, and mark the boundaries of the land through words and walls believing these will keep harm at bay. Lord have mercy,

**Christ have mercy**

We proclaim our trust in God; yet build monuments and temples on the lands of Canaanites -- on the lands of the Potawatomi -- believing these to be signs of our own glory and achievement. Lord have mercy

**Christ have mercy**

We proclaim our trust in God; yet we enslave people to build the shrines, to enlarge the silos, to build economies as we neglect our shared humanity. Lord have mercy

**Christ have mercy**

God of a new commonwealth, as we proclaim trust in you, free us from the bravado and worries of might and wealth; strip away glories and accomplishments that are self-serving; let us die to all that separates us from you, one another, creation, and who you have created us to be, that we might dwell in the promise of your life with and for us. Amen.

SJ 54 Longing for light (v.1, 5)

**Offering**

Covenanting of David & Karen Powell

Offering: AS 143 Siyahamba (We are marching)

**Hearing the Word**

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)

Luke 13:31-35

AS 70 How I have longed

Sermon

**Responding to the Word**

SJ 97 The Lord is my light

Sharing time/Pastoral Prayer

**Sending**

Welcoming visitors/ announcements

Benediction

AS 175 Day by day

*Worship leader*: Karl Shelly | *Song leader*: Jeanne Brunk | *Children’s Time*: Lois Kaufmann | *Musicians*: Jim Kaufmann, Wilma Harder, Alan Greaser, Becky Overholt, Karen Graber Roth | *Sermon:* Marshall King *| Scripture reader:* Sarah Sutter | *Visuals:* Kathy Glick Miller | *Covenanting:* Lora Nafziger|*Ritual:* Carmen Horst and Nayli Kurtz

**2nd hour.** After coffee and fellowship break, adults are invited back for music of longing and shelter.

**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.