Assembly Mennonite Church

January 5, 2020

**Epiphany Sunday**

***A Way where there is no Way***

***Unable to go back the way we came***

**Gathering and summoning**

Welcome and Introduction

Music of preparation - *Kinyongo*

Call to worship

*Leader: God showed up as a tiny human baby.*

***People: Come, let us celebrate this miracle!***

*Leader: God calls us each to work toward the Kingdom in our lives.*

***People: Come, let us challenge and encourage one another.***

*Leader: The mountains and the hills proclaim God’s holy name.*

***All: Come, let us join the Earth in worship!***

**Hymns of hope and praise**

HWB 203 Break forth, O beauteous heavenly

STS 28 Holy Child within the manger

**Confessing and receiving grace**

*L: Sometimes in the silence we realize we’ve come too far to turn around. Sometimes in the gray it feels like all this walking has got us nowhere. Sometimes in the busyness we choose autopilot over intentional living.   
Come to us this morning with your searing grace.*

***P: Have mercy on us.  
Make a way where there is no way.  
Nudge us, move us, set our feet to walking.***

*L: Words of assurance from Psalm 107*

**Offering ourselves and our money**

HWB 221 Hail the bless’d morn

Prayer of dedication

**Hearing God’s word**

Children’s time

*Reader: Readings from God’s written word*

***People: Our ears are open***

Isaiah 60:1-6, Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

Music of response - *Prelude on the Welsh Hymn Tune Rhosymedre*

**Sharing our common life and praying together**

**Blessing and sending**

STS 32 Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem

Benediction

Announcements and Fellowship Break

**Second Hour:** Stories and Silence- extended sharing

**Leading us in worship today**

Musicians: Maple City Consort (Mable Blunk, Mary Gilbert, Marna Mateer, Amos Burkholder, Paul Conrad, Bill Mateer), Patricia Nuyken; Song-Leader: Wil Beachy; Children’s time: Anna Yoder Schlabach; Scripture readers: Char Yutzy, James Stuckey Weber; Sermon: Lora Nafziger; Pastoral Prayer: Karl Shelly; Worship leader: Becky Snider