**Assembly Mennonite Church**

**November 24, 2019**

**Gathering**

HWB 511 God who touches earth

Call to Worship

HWB 77 God of Many Names

**Praying**

Lighting of the Peace lamp

*Litany for the Trail of Death*

(based on Liturgy written by Katerina Friesen, 2015)

L: Standing where you walked,

**P: We remember you.**

L: Exiled under gunpoint, Loss of sacred land,

**P: We remember you.**

L: Bruised feet and weary bodies, Choked by dust and heat, Sickness stalking young and old,

**P:We remember you. We lament this Trail of Death,**

L: Trail of Broken Promises, Theft of homelands for white man’s profit.

**P: We lament this Trail of Death.**

L:We lament that our ancestors did not dwell in peace.

Creator of all, we hope for a different way,

**P: Open our eyes and help us...**

L: to see you in all people

**P: to be a friend to those who are different than us**

**to do as Jesus did**

***ALL: Guide our feet, O Lord, on this Trail of Life.***

Confession

STJ 47 O Lord have Mercy

**Offering Ourselves**

Offering AS 67 Behold, behold

Children’s singing

Children’s time- Parent Child dedication HWB 772

Avery Anne Morris - Sara and Caleb Morris

Rylan Drew Morris - Sara and Caleb Morris

Rory Amelia Smuts - Sean and Becky Smuts

Theodore David Miller Good - Michelle and Nick Miller Good

Eliana Carmen Gomez Wengerd - Ryan and Marlette Gomez Wengerd

**Hearing God’s word**

HWB 230 Blessed are the persecuted

Mathew 5: 1-12

Sermon

**Responding**

Bread Ritual

Responsive Reading, based on Ephesians 2:11-22 L:You were once aliens and strangers.

**P: But Christ is our peace.**

L: With his body, Jesus broke down the barriers of hatred and enmity that divide us. Jesus reconciled us all as one body, ending the hostility.

**P: So we are no longer strangers and aliens. Rather, we are God's people. We are neighbors and fellow citizens together.**

L: Christ is building us together into a temple — a holy place, where God dwells.

Pastoral Prayer

**Sending**

Benediction

HWB #90 For the fruit of all creation

**Worship Participants:** Worship leader- Jodi Beyeler; Song Leader- Marna Mateer; Bread Ritual and Pastoral Prayer- Scott Coulter; Parent child dedication and Sermon- Lora Nafziger; Peace Lamp- Thomas Baldanzi Schlabach, Ellie Hirschler, Ira Siemens-Rhodes; Children’s singing- Marna Mateer