#### Hearing God's Word

Children's Time Mark Yoder
Song: *The angel Gabriel* blue, 180

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38

Sermon: "Enthusiastic Collaborators" Dan Schrock

### Responding

Song: *Joyful is the dark* blue, 233

Silence

Wonder and Wisdom reading

Confession:

O God of power and might

we want you to tear open the heavens and come down yet we tremble and quake at the thought.

We confess that even though we know your light

we do not like the dark empty void

where your spirit hovers over the waters.

We shake like leaves in the wind,

fearful of what you might ask,

afraid to trust you completely.

Caught up in the swirling of our world

we struggle to 'let it be'.

Forgive us Oh God.

Silence

Words of Assurance:

O God Emmanuel

In Jesus the Christ you have come among us.

You have given us life and we are restored.

Congregational Prayer

## Transition to Fellowship and Sunday School

Welcome & Introduction of Visitors

(Please pass the friendship registers.)

**Announcements** 

Song: Comfort, comfort, O my people

blue, 176

Sending

#### **Worship Participants**

Worship Leader: Lois Mast Song Leader: Joanne Gallardo Accompanist: Patsy Sherer Offertory: Jenny Hooley Visuals: Lana Smucker Ushers: Ron and Lori Good

AV Operator: Michael Sherer

Hearing assistance devices are available in the room beside the doors to the sanctuary. Please see the A/V operator if you would like one.

We offer childcare during worship after children's time for infants & toddlers. Children under 2 years of age may go to the Cherub Corner room, while 2 and 3 year olds may go to the MYF room.

Infant Care: Sim Dlova, Brenda Grimes, Denise Risser Toddler Care: Jason Lehman, Justin Heinzekehr, Anna and Isaac Sawastzky

#### **Nurture Hour**

Sunday school begins at 11:00 a.m. and ends at 12:00 p.m. First enjoy a time of fellowship after the worship service.

- INFANTS & TODDLERS (ages 0-2) Cherub corner
- PRESCHOOL I (age 3) Joyful class
- PRESCHOOL II (ages 4-5) Forgiveness class
- PRIMARY (grade 1-2) Peaceful class
- MIDDLER (grade 3-5) Gentleness class
- JUNIOR YOUTH JYF (grades 6-8) off Jubilee Hall
- HIGH SCHOOL MYF (grades 9-12) off Jubilee Hall
- COLLEGE Library
- ADULTS
  - Better than a Donut end of hallway
  - Live Your Call: Women's Bible Study off Jubilee Hall
  - Sermon Response off Jubilee Hall
  - Sojourners (30s and 40s) Sanctuary
  - Women Tending Our Souls Office



# Rerkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship

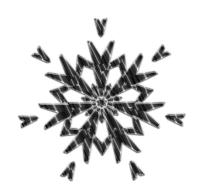
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Advent One: Let It Be



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## Gathering

Songs:

Praise the One who breaks the darkness O come O come, Immanuel purple, 1 blue, 172

Call to Worship

Leader: AWAKE! The invitation to carry light comes from the God of trembling mountains and shaking foundations.

All: Oh God, your expectations terrify us. How can our small selves hold your blazing presence?

Silence

Leader: Quiet our questioning souls.

All: Lead us beyond our resistance. Let it be.

Prayer

Song: Don't be afraid

green, 105

(Lighting of Advent Candle, Seth Krabill)

Song: O Savior, rend the heavens

blue, 175

Offering

Parent-Child Dedication of Sophia, Lindsy, and Joe Locke