

Welcome to worship. We are happy you chose to come today. Feel free to join us as we pray, sing, and listen to God speak. We hope that all will sense God's spirit among us and will be eager to return and worship here again.

Our weekly newsletter gives information and announcements about our congregation. Newsletters are on the tables near the north and west entrances to the building.

Children are welcome to pick up a worship bag at the entrances of the sanctuary. Please return the bag and contents after the service.

The children's classes will gather following this service in the basement for Sunday School. All adults are invited to a fellowship time in the fellowship area after the worship service. Following that, we hope you choose to attend one of the Sunday School classes that meets in the Fellowship Hall.

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#### WORSHIP WORKERS

**Worship Leader:** Troy Roth

**Song Leader:** 1AD

**Ushers:** Max Aeschliman, Jerry & Ladonna Andres, Greg Short,  
Cal Britsch, Mike Zimmerman

**Greeters:** Al & Ginny Liechty, Larry Rychener

**Next week:** Steve & Karen Ringenberg, Neil & Kathy Nofziger

**Nursery:** Mary Beth Beck   **SS:** Lonnie & Carol Short

**Next week:** Phil & Lynette Bontrager   **SS:** No Sunday School

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## Zion Mennonite Church

December 17, 2017

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Advent 3 – "Let it Be Whole"

<b>Prelude</b>	1AD
<b>Welcome and announcements</b>	Troy Roth
<b>Interlude</b>	1AD
<b>Wisdom and Wonder</b>	
<b>Lighting of the Advent Candle</b>	
<b>Call to Worship</b>	
L: Awake! The invitation to carry light comes from the God of restoration.	
<b>P: O God, You amaze us with your promise to build up the ancient ruins.</b>	
<b>You say you will replace the ashes of the past with garlands of beauty.</b>	
<b>Your bold vision dazzles our doubting souls.</b>	
<i>(pause for silence)</i>	
L: Quite our questions.	
<b>P: Lead us beyond our fears, and guide us on the path to peace.</b>	
<i>ALL: Let it be whole.</i>	
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	
<b>Hymns</b> "O, Little Town of Bethlehem"	HWB 191
"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"	HWB 201
<b>Offering and Offertory</b>	1AD
<b>Scripture</b>	Luke 1:26-38
<b>Children's Time</b>	Kathy Beck & Galen Plank
<b>Scripture</b>	Isaiah 61:1-4
<b>Sermon</b> "I Am Waiting"	Karen Ruth
<b>Hymn</b> "My Soul is Filled With Joy"	STJ 13

**Confession**

O God of peace, your justice wells up like a spring, bringing  
dreams, laughter, and wholeness to the world.

We confess we so often stifle your Spirit.

We are afraid to claim that you anointed us to carry your  
upside-down vision Into our broken world, where the  
lowly are trampled upon, the hungry go away empty

The rich increase in power.

We confess we lack the courage to build up and repair

What we have broken, imprisoned, and oppressed.

Forgive us when we do not catch your vision.

Lead us beyond our fears, and guide us on the path to peace.

(pause for silence)

**Words of assurance**

O God, Emmanuel,

In Jesus Christ, you have come among us

You have given us life, and we are restored.

**Prayer for the Church and World**

Bonnie Stuckey

**Benediction**

Karen Ruth

**Sending Song** "Joy to the World"

HWB 318

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