

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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March 6, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

**LENT 1: SEEKING GOD’S WAYS -
From Security to Generosity**

Worship Leader: Sonya Horsley

Music Leader: Rachel & Leah

Recorded Music: “Holy Darkness” from “The Soil and the Seed Project” by Walking Roots

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 from “Psalms for a New World”

Responsive Reading

Leader: Your ways, O God, are higher than our ways.

People: Your thoughts are higher than our thoughts.

Leader: We seek God’s ways.

(visual is uncovered)

All: Lord, move us from our ways of clinging to security to your ways of generous living.

Prayer of Dedication of Voices Together hymnals

Gathering Music

Call to Worship:

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,
People: **through the wilderness of Lent,
through the wilderness of life.**

Leader: We crave the safety of God's shelter,
People: **the cool comfort of the divine shadow,
the security of the holy fortress.**

Leader: God offers the care of angels,
People: **the gentleness of creation,
the protection of love.**

Leader: God is generous to all who call on the
holy name,
All: ***so come, let us seek God's way of
generosity.***

Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns: *"God of Love, Hear our Prayer"*

Music

Living the Gospel

Scripture: Luke 4:1-13 (from the Voice)

Message: "And So It Begins" - Jayne

Silent Reflection

Open Responses

Lenten prayer of confession: (Isaiah 55 adapted)

Leader: Holy One,
we seek you while you may be found.

People: **We call upon you while you are near.**

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God,
for our thoughts are not your thoughts
and our ways are not your ways.

People: **Forgive us for seeking security.
Lead us into your way of generosity.**

Leader: As we walk with Christ on this Lenten
journey, let us see your way more clearly
All: ***and follow your way more faithfully.***

Sending Music

Sending Words

**Resource used: Leader Magazine Worship Resources, Winter
2021-22*

*****COMING EVENTS*****

March Mission Offering: Lahash Rice and Beans

Sat., Mar. 5, 10:00 am: Allegheny Mennonite Conference Delegate meeting (zoom)

Wed, Mar. 9, 7:00 pm: Church Council

Sun., Mar. 27, 12:00 pm: Rice and Beans meal at Hunsberger's House

Fri., Apr. 15, 7:00 pm: Good Friday Service

Sun., Apr. 17: Easter Sunday

***** NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS *****

Happy Birthday: Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or send them a card this week: Wed., March 9 – Katrina (Tina) Dombrosky

Jayne will be in the office on Wednesday and Friday and is available other times by texting or calling 330-224-3944 or emailing stahlmennonite@gmail.com

A new Lenten resource has arrived from The Soil and The Seed Project. This is a project from Walking Roots. Envelopes containing this resource, including a DVD of music, are available at the mailboxes.

Our Mission offering for March is Lahash Rice and Beans. You will hear a little about this project each Sunday. We will have a rice and beans meal on Mar. 27th after worship at Bill and Jeanette Hunsberger's house. Sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you plan on joining the meal.

Learn about the “**Accessibility Resolution,**” which will be voted on at Mennonite Church USA's Special Session of the Delegate Assembly, May 27-30, 2022. MHS's Clare Krabill and Anabaptist Disability Network's Jeanne Davies will discuss it during a webinar on Monday, Mar. 7 at 7:00 p.m. EST. Read the resolution and register for the webinar on the delegate resource page: mennoniteusa.org/special-delegate



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Johnstown, Pennsylvania

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