

WELCOME TO  
**STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

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**March 7, 2021**

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.**

**LENT 3**

**THEME:** Deep in the changing sky: Called to deep wisdom

**Worship Leader:** Sonya Horsley

**Opening Music:** “And I Will Raise You Up” by Michael Joncas

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting the Peace Lamp**

**Gathering Song:** “When Morning Guilds the Skies” – Calvary Choir

**Call to Worship:** *Adapted from Psalm 19*

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims God’s handiwork.

**Many: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night  
declares knowledge.**

One: There is no speech . . . yet the voice goes out through  
all the earth and their words to the end of the world.

**Many: In the heavens you set a tent for the sun. . . . Its  
rising is from the end of the heavens, its circuit to  
the end of them; nothing is hid from its heat.**

One: The law of the **LORD** is perfect . . . sure . . . clear . . .  
true and righteous. The fear of the **LORD** is pure.

**Many: God, clear us from hidden faults; teach us to trust you.**

***ALL: Let the words and meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O LORD, our rock and redeemer. We call out to you, as you call us to deeper wisdom.***

## **Prayer**

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

**OT Scripture:** Psalm 19

**Song:** “Let Your Glory Fall” by Kari Jobe

**Scripture:** John 2:13-22

**Message:** “Look Up!” – Jayne

**Confession/Assurance:**

**Many: Deep calls to deep.**

**We call to you from the depths of our hearts.**

One: We confess when we have settled into sameness,  
forgetting the rhythms of the heavens,  
ignoring the rhythms of justice.

We confess when we have not looked up  
into the eyes of a neighbor,  
into your Word that still lives.

*(Silence to name the forces that keep us from deep wisdom.)*

Deep calls to deep.

You call to us from the depth of your love.

**Many: Calling us to deep wisdom.**

**We come to you, God.**

## **Response Ritual:**

Possible questions for reflection and response:

- How is God calling you to deep wisdom?
- What area of your life needs God’s wisdom?

**Song:** “Alleluia, The Great Storm is Over”

## **Sending Words**

**Sending Song:** “God of Wonders” by Third Day

**Bulletin Editor for March:** Ellen Lehman – 288-1961

**St. Francis Sharing & Caring Item for March:** Toilet Paper

**Offering:** 02/28/2021 – \$4,050.31 = Regular

25.00 = Benevolence

275.00 = MCC Meat Canner

\$4,350.31 = TOTAL

\*\*\*\*\*COMING EVENTS\*\*\*\*\*

**March Mission Offering** – Lehash Beans and Rice

**Today, Sun., Mar. 7 (immediately following Morning Worship) –**

Annual Business Meeting (Zoom link will be available)

**Tues., Mar. 9, 6:30 p.m.** – Lay Leaders

**Wed., Mar. 10, 7:00 p.m.** – Racism Discussion via Zoom

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

**Happy Birthday:** Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or send them a card this week: Tues., Mar. 9 – Katrina Dombrosky; Wed., Mar. 10 – Emily Kaltreider; Thurs., Mar. 11 – Rick Kaltreider

**Today, immediately following worship,** we will have **our Annual Congregational Business Meeting.** A Zoom link was sent out for those who will not be in person.

**Jayne will be in the office on Thurs and Friday.** She is available via texting or phone at any time by calling 330-224-3944 or send an email to [stahlmennonite@gmail.com](mailto:stahlmennonite@gmail.com).

**Sign-up sheets to volunteer to help with the sign and the front table are posted on the bulletin board.** We will hold off volunteering to usher or greet until we are back to doing these again.

**Reminder:** Our item for St. Francis Food Pantry is toilet paper. Let's see how much we can gather this month to help those in the community who are in need!



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Johnstown, Pennsylvania

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In the patterns and glory of God's creation,  
and in God's commandments and promises,  
we are called to obtain deep wisdom.

God's wisdom undermines our assumptions  
and takes us deeper than our efforts can lead us.

We commit to love and obey God, and through the  
power of the Holy Spirit follow Jesus, sharing the story of  
God's love, forgiveness, and grace, making God's kingdom  
of peace and justice more present on Earth.

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