

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

LENT 6

PALM SUNDAY: Deep in the current: Called to deep hope

Take a palm branch as you enter worship.

Worship Leader: Floyd Lehman

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Song

Call to Worship:

One: In the current of life, God calls us to deep hope.

Many: God, teach us wisdom in our secret hearts.

Put a new and right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit.

One: God helps us, so let us stand up together.

Many: Save us, O Lord! Bind the festival procession with branches. You are our God. We give thanks, for you are good, and your steadfast love endures.

One: Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, knowing that those who love their life will lose it.

Many: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus, who humbled himself and became our hope.

ALL: We call out to you, as you call us to deep hope.

Prayer

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

OT Scripture: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Song

Scripture: John 12:12-16; Philippians 2:5-11

Message: “Finding Hope ... Again” – Jayne

Confession/Assurance:

Many: Deep calls to deep.

We call to you from the depths of our hearts.

One: We confess the rapid pace of life that sweeps us off off our feet

into whirlpools of expectations,
into eddies of busy distractions.

We confess our need for a steadfast stream of your
your grace

enduring forever,
saving us.

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

Deep calls to deep.

You call to us from the depth of your love.

Many: Calling us to deep hope.

We come to you, God.

Response Ritual – Possible questions for reflection and response:

- How is God calling you to deep hope?
- What steadies you when life rushes onward?

Song

Sending Words

Sending Song



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FOCUS STATEMENT: As we follow Jesus into Holy Week, we sense the rush of the crowds and seek the deep, steady current of God's steadfast love, calling us to deep hope in the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

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.

JCS IS NOW ENROLLING: *Engaging Minds * Building Character * Deepening Faith* – Johnstown Christian School is now enrolling for the 2021-22 school year for students in PK4 through Grade 12. Call today to schedule your personal tour! (814) 288-2588. More details about JCS can be found at our website www.JohnstownChristianSchool.org or on the JCS Facebook Page.

The group studying the **Color of Compromise** has finished that series, but we are not done yet. Now might be a time you would like to join in a new project. **Juneteenth** is a time to note the end of slavery, June 19. Johnstown, with the help of the Unity Coalition, plans a week-long celebration in Central Park. We are discussing the **possibility of having a tent/booth one day of that event**. We welcome your input, ideas, energy as we think about what we might offer as a historic peace church. Join us for our next Zoom meeting on **April 14 at 7:00 p.m. to plan** this project.

We will continue the **COVID Safety Protocols** in place since last summer (social distancing, face coverings, no Sunday school ...) to help keep safe. Lay Leaders will monitor the color codes of Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center to give clues if the numbers begin to rise again and we need to reassess meeting. The hospital is currently in phase green (green, yellow, red, black). We will continue streaming our worships via Facebook Live and YouTube. Please choose whichever option for meeting for worship that works best for the safety of you and your family.

Your continued financial support of the church is greatly appreciated. To minimize shared contact **your offering can be given in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary** on Sunday mornings. You can place your offering there as you enter or leave. **We also have an option for electronic giving.** You can go to the link on our website at stahlmennonite.org. You can do one time giving or recurring giving at this site. (Remember that you have the option to cover the cost of processing the donation as well.) If you have any problems or questions, contact Matt Stahl at mstahl@matthewstahl.com or Jayne at stahlmennonite@gmail.com

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!

Mennonite Church USA has announced the **registration rates for MennoCon21**, its first hybrid convention to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio and online on Tues. thru Sat., July 6-10, 2021. In-person attendance is \$325 per person for the five-day event and online attendance is \$99. For more details, please visit the website: mennoniteusa.org/news/registration-rates-mennocon21/

Do you have **questions about MennoCon21**? Mennonite Church USA leaders provide an update and address questions in this recorded webinar: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/mennocon21-da-webinar>

*******PRAYER REQUESTS*******

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| Amy Henry | Bill Horsley | Al Smith |
| JoAnne (Jayne's Sis-in Law) | Paul Thomas | Virginia Moyer |
| Jayne's Bro Sam & Sis Cher | Becky Mishler | Paul Harnish |
| Dave Sprankle | Rob Miller | Lauren Cotchen |
| Robin's Bro-in-Law | Ron Telenko | Myles Shetler |
| Loveda Liechty | Bernice Lehman | Ron Telenko |
| Scott & Mandy Pulliam & Family | –Moving to Japan (missions) | |