

WELCOME TO  
**STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

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**April 4, 2021**

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

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**Theme: Deep in the Feast: Called to Deep Living**

**Worship Leader:** Sonya Horsley

**Music:** Rachel Allen and Leah Rittenhouse

**Opening Music**

**Easter Greetings from Around the World** (Mennonite  
World Conference)

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting the Peace Lamp**

**Gathering Song**

**Call to Worship:**

One: And while it was still dark,  
Mary found the light!

**Many: The disciples came running,  
but they did not understand.**

One: Mary stood weeping and saw angels  
but did not recognize Jesus.

**Many: But when Jesus calls our name,  
then we recognize the way, the truth, and the life.**

One: And then there was feasting!  
And there is feasting to come.  
God will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food and well-aged wines  
and will wipe away tears from all faces.

**Many: It will be said on that day,  
“This is our God for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice.  
There is peace by Jesus Christ.”**

One: Hold firmly to the good news,  
which you received, in which you stand,  
through which you are being saved.

**All: *Let’s open the gates of righteousness  
to enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.***

### Prayer

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

**OT Scripture:** Isaiah 25:6-9

### Song

**Scripture:** Mark 16:1-8

**Message:** “Wait... What?!”

### Affirmation of Faith:

**Many: Deep calls to deep.  
We give thanks from the depths of our hearts!**

One: Once weeping, now proclaiming:  
“I have seen the Lord!”

**Many: Once famished, now feasting:  
“This is the God for whom we have waited!”**

One: Once divided, now convicted:  
“Jesus Christ is Lord of all!”

**Many: We shall not die but we shall live  
and keep telling the deeds of the Lord.**

One: Deep calls to deep.  
You call to us from the depth of your love, O God.  
You have come to us in Jesus Christ.

**Many: We answer your call to deep living!**

### Response Ritual

### Sending Words

### Sending Song

**Bulletin Editor for April:** Shana Lichtenfels – 288-0171  
**St. Francis Sharing & Caring Item for April:** Toilet Paper  
**Offering:** 03/28/2021 – \$1,858.70 = Regular  
260.00 = Missions  
525.00 = Benevolence  
\$2,643.70 = TOTAL

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

**April Mission Offering** –Highland Health (free clinic) of Johnstown  
**Sun., Apr. 4** – Easter Sunday  
**Wed., Apr. 7, 7:00 p.m.** – Church Council  
**Tue., Apr. 13, 6:30 p.m.** – Lay Leaders  
**Wed., Apr. 14, 7:00 p.m.** – Racism Discussion Group via Zoom

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

**Happy Birthday:** Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or send them a card this week: Sat., April 10 – Shaun Smith

**Happy Anniversary:** Wish the following a Happy Anniversary today or send them a card this week: Sat., April 10 – Pat & Joy Cotchen and Rod & Cindy Lehman

**Jayne will be in Ohio to be with her son for a medical procedure this week.** 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).

**Mission offering for April will be Highland Health.** This is the Johnstown free *medical Clinic* which provides free *medical* and pharmaceutical care to uninsured people across the greater Johnstown region.

**Thank you to everyone who shared their flowers in the Easter worship** and to Cara Lichtenfels and Chris Lehman for coordinating their purchase. Thanks!



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**FOCUS STATEMENT:**

*We have seen the Lord!*

*A rich feast has been prepared  
for all peoples on the mountain of God.  
Jesus calls us each into abundant life.*

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.

**Directory Update:** Whitey and Linda Gindlesperger no longer have their land line phone number. Cell – Whitey – 254-7780 and Linda Cell – 341-5031 (you can text also).

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