

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

1201 Soap Hollow Rd, Johnstown, PA 15905

Pastor: Jayne Byler

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April 9, 2023

WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

Worship Leader: Neil Lehman

Music Leader: Rachel Allen & Sonya Horsley

Easter Sunday

“Shaped by Life in Christ”

We Gather

Prelude Music: “Glory Hallelujah” from The Soil and The Seed vol 6 #4

Welcome and Announcements

Music: “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” VT 346

Call to Worship and Prayer (*based on Psalm 118:21–24*)

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: *Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

Leader: We thank you, God, that you have answered us and have become our salvation.

People: **The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

All: *This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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Sharing Ourselves

Music: “Now the Green Blade Riseth” VT 353

We Hear God’s Word

Old Testament: Psalm 118:21–24

Confession and Silent Reflection

Leader: Lord, we stand in awe at the thought of your resurrection.

People: **Can this really be true? Did this really happen?**

What kind of power is this?

Leader: What does this mean for our lives? For your church?

People: **We confess to the Lord . . .**
(silent prayer)

Leader: Lord, heal our every thought of disbelief in your presence and power. As you revealed yourself to your followers on that day, come to us with your delight and love.

All: *With joyful hearts, we renew our relationship with you. Amen.*

New Testament Reading: Matthew 28:1–10

Message: “We Thought You Were Dead!” – Jayne

We Respond

Music: “The Strife is O’er” VT 350

Testimony:

Leader: Early in the morning,
a voice in a guarded graveyard,
empty cloths and footsteps in the dew
proved that you had risen,
that you had come back to those and for those
who had forgotten, denied, and destroyed you.

People: God raised Jesus from the dead,
freeing him from the agony of death,
because it was impossible for death
to keep its hold on him.

Leader: God has raised Jesus to life,
and we are all witnesses of the fact. *(Acts 2:24, 32)*

People: Praise be to the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In his great mercy he has given us new birth
into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
(1 Pet. 1:3)

Leader: Early in the morning,
this body of believers gather together,
one in faith and hope,
one in purpose:

People: To believe in and worship you,
the one Lord, Jesus Christ,
To live forgiven and thankful lives,
and to celebrate the victory over death
and the promise of eternal life.

Cheri TerHaar (c2terhaar@sbcglobal.net)

Shaping the Clay

We Go Out

Sending Song: "Christ Be All Around Me" VT 848

Sending Words

Bulletin Editor for April: Shana – 814-288-0171

Front Table for April: Worship Committee

St. Francis Sharing & Caring Item for April: Toilet Paper

Offering: 04/02/2023 – \$3,222.70 – General Fund

100.00 – Iglesia Menonita

125.00 – Lahash Rice & Beans

\$3,447.70

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*Created in the Image of God,
Shaped by Jesus*

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