

WELCOME TO

STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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April 13, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

THEME: Palm Sunday “Christ Collides With Our Expectations”

Worship Leader: Joy Cotchen

Music: Stahl Musicians

Gathering Music: “Blessed Be” – The Soil & the Seed Vol 10

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

Spirit of Life, in this season of Lent

inspire and compel us towards creative peacemaking.

Move us beyond our confessions,

into creativity.

Move us beyond our guilt,

into inspiration.

Move us beyond our shame

into a fuller vision of shalom for your world.

(light peace lamp and pause for reflection)

Move us into being

creators of peace in our communities,

co-conspirators of wholeness in our churches,

accompaniers of peacemaking efforts

in our nation and around the world.

– MCUSA prayer for peace

Gathering Songs: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna – VT 313

All Glory, Laud, and Honor – VT 315

Call to Worship:

One: As we worship this Palm Sunday, Christ collides with our expectations.

Many: **Have we not collided enough?**

One: In deep compassion, our Lord sets out a mission of full life.

Many: **Form us fully, Jesus.**

One: “Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

Many: **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens.”**

All: **Our Lord, it is time for you to work in and with us as we worship you!**

Prayer**

Singing: Ride On – VT 316

Scripture: Luke 19: 29-44

Message: “Into Jerusalem” – Jayne

Confession and Words of Assurance/Kintsugi*:

All: *Loving and merciful God,*

we confess that we have sinned against you.

One: We have not loved you with all our thoughts, words, and actions.

Many: **We have sinned through what we have chosen to do and what we have chosen to neglect.**

One: We have not fully accepted your love for us.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Many: **We walk through our days with blinders on, unable to see or understand clearly.**

All: *We repent before each other and before you, our loving our loving God.*

Please help us open our hearts to your love.

Help us walk with open eyes and hearts

so we may better share your peace in your world, rejoicing in your name. Amen.

(A moment for repair-kintsugi)

Leader: Now hear these words of assurance:

God tells us that we are created in God’s image.

God created us for relationship with God and each other.

In this, we know that God will never break our

relationship. God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Sending Song: “Christ Has No Body Here But Ours” – VT 568
Sending Words

**If you would like to have a prayer request included in this Prayer, Prayer Cards are available with the bulletins. Please write your prayer request and either place it in the basket on the bulletin table or get it to the worship leader before the end of the Gathering Songs. During Lent *we will not have an open mic* opportunity to share.

*Kintsugi (Japanese lit. 'golden joinery'), KINT-sub-gee" is the Japanese art of repairing broken pottery by mending the areas of breakage with lacquer dusted or mixed with powdered gold, silver, or platinum. As a philosophy, it treats breakage and repair as part of the history of an object, rather than something to disguise.

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

April Mission Offering: Cambria City Mission

Sun., April 13, 9:00 am: Congregational Discussion Journey – Seeking God’s Will

Fri., April 18, 6:30 pm: Good Friday Service

Sun., April 20, 6:15 am: Sunrise Service on Hunsberger Hill

Sun., April 20: Easter Sunday

Mon., April 21–Thurs., April 24: AMC Pastor’s Spring Bible Study at Laurelville Retreat Center

Wed., April 30, 10:00 am: Lay Leaders

Sun., May 4: Liechty Trio joining us for worship

Wed., May 7, 6:30 pm: Church Council

Bulletin Editor for April: Ellen Lehman – 814-288-1961

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

Front Table for April: Worship Committee

Offering: 04/06/2025 – \$1,459.70 – General Fund

20.00 – Lahash

\$1,479.70 = TOTAL

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

Wish the following a **Happy Birthday** today or by sending them a card this week: Monday, April 14 – Riley Allen

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worship. The video will help us learn more about the Mission's presence in Johnstown.

Jayne hopes to be in the office on Wednesday and Friday. If you would like to meet with her or contact her, then or any other time, please text or call 330-224-3944 or email stahlmennonite@gmail.com

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(will include foot washing and communion)

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(no breakfast this year)

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