

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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June 4, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

Peace with God/Within/Others/Creation:

Worship Leader: Carol McKool

Music: Stahl Song Leaders

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Song

Call to Worship: (from Psalm 141:1–2)

One: We call upon you, O God.

Many: Come quickly.

One: Let our prayers rise up as incense before you.

Many: Let our lifted hands be a sacrifice to you.

One: Holy One in heaven,

Many: We praise your name.

One: We pray for your reign to come.

All: We offer our worship.

Opening Prayer:

Parenting Abba God, your power forms all that exists.

Your glory expands beyond the heavens.

And yet you are here, with us, listening to our prayers:

for ourselves, for those we love,

for heartbreaking situations both intimate and distant

As our prayers rise up, you stoop down—

down into our lives, down into our hearts.

And we thank you. Amen.

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

Prayers of the People: (see insert)

Singing

Origami Doves

Scripture: Matthew 6:5–13

Message: - Sarah Barrett

Response

God, we pray for your kingdom to come and your

will to be done on earth, in our community,

in our church, in our homes, in our hearts.

We pray with our words, with our time, with our money,

with our lives.

Receive our prayers and our offerings and bless them to serve

you. Amen.

Sending song

Sending words

Go now to do the will of God,

to enjoy your daily bread,

to live into the wondrous reign of your holy Parent.

For God’s is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen.

Prayers of the People: (Insert)

One: Loving Parent, who exists beyond the realms we can imagine and within the deepest parts of ourselves, we thank you for the joy of gathering in community, and we celebrate together all that is good, and beautiful, and holy in our lives.
In your mercy, God,

Many: hear our prayer.

One: Tender Parent, we thank you for the teachings of Jesus and for the privilege of coming to you in prayer.
We lift up the people in this community and those we love. For those concerns that have been spoken and those we carry in our hearts, in your mercy, God,

Many: hear our prayer.

One: Nurturing Parent, we pray that all people will have their daily bread—
the food, housing, health care, support, and safety they need to survive and thrive.

In your mercy, God,

Many: hear our prayer.

One: Guiding Parent, let our earthly leaders follow your will so that the people and the systems of this world might look more and more like your reign of peace and justice. In your mercy, God,

Many: hear our prayer.

One: Protecting Parent, deliver your children from evil.
For all who suffer pain in mind, body, or spirit,
for all who live in fear, for all who grieve,
for all who face violence:
in your mercy, God,

Many: hear our prayer.

One: Holy Parent, let these prayers rise up as incense before you as we pray with this community of saints and in the quiet of our own hearts. *(Silence.)*

One: Let us pray together the prayer Jesus taught his disciples,

All: Our Father in heaven,
may your name be honored
may your kingdom come,
may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we ourselves have forgiven our debtors.
And do not lead us into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours is the Kingdom,
the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

(Matthew 6:9-13 – New English Translation)

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

Happy Birthday: Wish Mary Ellen Lehman a Happy Birthday today or send her a card this week: Fri., June 9

Happy Anniversary: Wish the following a Happy Anniversary today or send them a card this week: Today, June 4 – Wayne & Terri Wyar; Fri., June 9 – Kurt & Shana Lichtenfels.

Jayne will be on vacation this week. Please contact one of the Lay Leaders (Sonya Horsley, Joy Cotchen, Neil Lehman.)

Hearing assistance headphones are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Our June Mission Offering will be for New Day Summer Camp. Summer Program changes a little every year, but it always provides a great time for the children! The main part of the program offers "day camp" activities that the children attend throughout the week, as well as special outings to enjoy. Outings can include: trips to Idlewild, swimming at the Que, Urban Air fun day, Shawnee, day hikes, ice cream, and more!

We will be having an outdoor worship on June 25 under our church carport, followed by a Hot Dog roast. Bring a lawn chair for seating. Hot dogs, s'mores and beverages will be provided. You are welcome to bring any other picnic side dishes that you would like to share

We hope to once again, weather permitting, participate in the Juneteenth Celebration in Central Park. We will have a tent on **June 15 from 12-5:00 pm.** A sign-up sheet to help is on the table in the foyer. If you can help for any of the time that afternoon the Mission Committee would be grateful!

If you have flowers from your garden that you would like to share on the front table on Sunday mornings during the summer, feel free to bring them. You can either let Jayne know ahead of time or just bring them and we will add them to whatever is there.

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Seeking Peace Together

Paul & Mary Ellen Lehman Chantay Jeffers Dan Gates
“Open Waters for All” – Quemahoning Adaptive Kayak Launch

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