

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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July 23, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

Theme: PEACE WITHIN: Isaac and his Neighbors

Worship Leader: Neil Lehman

Music: Stahl Song Leaders

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Song

Call to Worship

One: God makes room for us here, in this broad space of worship.

Many: Room for our questions and room for our confidence.

One: Room for our joy and room for our grief.

Many: Room for our fear and room for our generosity.

One: Room for ourselves and room for each other.

Many: Let us receive God's blessing of this spacious place.

All: Let us worship together in faith.

Opening Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns: "God of love, hear our prayer"

Prayers of the People

One: Lavish God, we come to you in prayer for this world that so desperately needs your peace. Guide each of us to make the difficult decisions required of a true peacemaker.
(*Silence.*) In your mercy, God,

Many: hear our prayer.

One: We pray for peace of mind, spirit, and body for those we love.

(*Silence.*) In your mercy, God,

Many: hear our prayer.

One: We pray that any conflicts within our community will be resolved in healthy, life-giving ways.

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One: We pray that the divisions and animosity present in our nation be eased;

that people would listen well, think clearly, and speak with truth and kindness.

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One: We pray for those in places of violence, that you would calm their fears and shield them from harm.

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One: We pray for those with power, that they will work toward the justice that leads to peace.

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One: Most holy God, bless our work toward your peace and remind us of your promise that those who make peace are blessed.

In your mercy, God

Many: hear our prayer.

All: Amen.

Singing

Scripture: Genesis 26:12-33

Message: “Going Sideways to Move Forward” - Jayne

Response: Paraphrase of the Beatitudes

How liberated are those who have learnt to let go –
They shall experience the mystery of God.
How strong are those who are not afraid to admit their
weaknesses –

Their tears shall heal their grief.

How beautiful are those who reverence life –
The earth shall rejoice in their presence.

How satisfied are those who seek to serve God –
For God shall be their delight.

How happy are those who are willing to forgive others –
They shall find release from guilt and fear.

How enlightened are those who know oneness with all things –
They shall see God everywhere.

What an inspiration are those who work for justice and peace –
For they shall live as Children of God.

What an opportunity there is for those who suffer in the cause of
right –

For their rejection can become the doorway to a new life.

(“The Way of Peace” p 105)

*(bring offerings up along with paper doves as prelude of sending song is
played.)*

Sending Song

Sending Words

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

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

Offering: 07/16/2023 – \$1,418.70 – General Fund

1.00 – New Day

300.00 – Shelly

\$1,719.70

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Seeking Peace Together

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