

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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July 30, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

Theme: PEACE WITHIN: Abigail and David

Worship Leader: Carol McKool

Music: Stahl Song Leaders

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Song

Call to Worship (from Romans 12:14–21)

One: As followers of Jesus, we are called

Many: to bless those who persecute us;

One: to rejoice with those who rejoice, and mourn with those who mourn;

Many: to live in harmony with others and not be arrogant.

One: As disciples of the Prince of Peace, we are called

Many: to not repay anyone evil for evil;

One: to, as far as possible, live peaceably with all;

Many: to feed our enemies when they are hungry and offer a drink when they are thirsty.

One: Ours is a hard and holy calling, friends. And so we gather.

Many: We gather for prayer and study.

One: We gather for singing and silence.

Many: We gather for encouragement and support.

All: We gather for worship.

Opening Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns: *“God of love, hear our prayer”*

Prayers of the People

One: Wherever the pride of a few causes harm to many, gracious God,

Many: bring your justice.

One: To those who feel resentment of all that is asked of them, gracious God,

Many: bring your peace.

One: To those who do not receive fair payment and appreciation for their service, gracious God,

Many: bring your justice.

One: In every place where people enact violence against each other, gracious God,

Many: bring your peace.

One: To every heart that is reluctant to share from the bounty you provide, gracious God,

Many: bring your justice.

One: To those who step out toward conflict despite their fear, gracious God,

Many: bring your peace.

One: Gracious God, may your justice rule our world, may your peace guard our hearts.

All: Amen.

Singing

Scripture: 1 Samuel 25:1–35

Message: “Standing in the Way of Violence” - Jayne

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

Sending Song

Sending Words (adapted from Romans 12:1–2, 15:13)

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