

WELCOME TO  
**STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

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**October 24, 2021**

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.**

**THEME:** Joy Rides On

**Worship Leader:** Pat Cotchen

**Music Leaders:** Rachel and Leah

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting the Peace Lamp**

**Gathering Music**

**Call to Worship:** *Based on Psalms 95:1-7; 98:1-4*

Leader: O sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.

**People: O come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our  
salvation!**

Leader: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

**People: For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.**

Leader: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.

**People: In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

**People: O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

**All: *For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.***

**Prayer:** (Congregation reads together)

**Open our ears to hear your word.**

*Open our eyes to see your presence.*

**Open our arms to the embrace of community.**

*Open our minds to the beauty of truth.*

**Open our hearts to the joy of new life.**

(Voices Together 866)

**Sharing the Joy Virtual Style**

**Sharing Our JOYS and Concerns:** “*God of Love, Hear our Prayer*”

**Music**

**Scripture:** Philippians 4:9-23

**An Illustrative Moment**

**Message:** “Finally” - Jayne

**Response:**

All thanks to you, most holy Friend,

**Giver of light and love and holy joy.**

Before the beginning, when space and time did not exist,  
you nursed a brilliant hope for the children who were  
yet to be.

All thanks to you, most holy Friend,

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In the young world, when you first raised up humankind,  
you planted in them a hope that would survive their  
wandering and falling.

All thanks to you, most holy Friend,  
**Giver of light and love and holy joy.**  
Through the turmoil of history,  
with the rise and fall of powerful nations,  
you called the Hebrew tribes to be your people of hope.

All thanks to you, most holy Friend,  
**Giver of light and love and holy joy.**  
With prophets and ethical law-makers,  
with their poets and devout scholars,  
you prepared the world for a hope-event to outstretch all  
others.

All thanks to you, most holy Friend,  
**Giver of light and love and holy joy.**  
At exactly the appropriate time,  
you sent John the Baptizer to get your people ready for the  
incarnate Hope  
that would begin at Bethlehem and ripple around the world.

All thanks to you, most holy Friend,  
**Giver of light and love and holy joy.**  
And when we, your children,  
found our place in this world,  
we discovered all around us, like yeast in dough,  
the energy of this Hope veined through all things.

All thanks to you, most holy Friend,  
**Giver of light and love and holy joy.**  
For the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

All thanks to you, most holy Friend,  
**Giver of light and love and holy joy. Amen!**

~ written by Bruce Prewer

**Sending Music**

**Sending Words:** *Based on Philippians 4:19-20*



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Johnstown, Pennsylvania

We commit to love and obey God, and through the power of the Holy Spirit follow Jesus, sharing the story of God's love, forgiveness, and grace, making God's kingdom of peace and justice more present on Earth.

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**St. Francis Sharing & Caring Item for October:** Toilet Paper

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**Voices Together** is a new hymnal published by Mennomedia. It offers an expanded variety of music to enhance our worship. Worship Committee has decided to have a **fundraising event on Dec 5 at 1:00** (note the change of date to allow for better planning) to help pay for this resource. This will be a hybrid musical event with streaming at the church building and online. You can participate either way. More details will follow but put the date on your calendar! We will also be raising funds for MCC and its work around the world to bring relief to those in need. You will be able to contribute to either or both projects.