

WELCOME TO  
**STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH**

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**April 10, 2022**

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

**LENT 6: SEEKING GOD’S WAYS –  
From Power Over to Power With**

**Worship Leader:** Neil Lehman

**Music Leaders:** Rachel Allen & Leah Rittenhouse

**Recorded Music:** “At the Cross, Her Vigil Keeping”  
from “The Soil and the Seed Project”

by – Walking Roots

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting the Peace Lamp:** 31:9-16 from “Psalms for a New World”

**Responsive Reading to “uncover the visual”:**

**Leader:** Your ways, O God, are higher than our ways.

**People:** **Your thoughts are higher than our thoughts.**

**Leader:** We seek God’s ways.

(pause to uncover visual and light the candle)

**All:** *Lord, move us from seeking the power to control  
others to instead using power with them for  
everyone’s healing and wholeness.*

**Gathering Music**

## Call to Worship:

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,  
a way so different from the ways of this world.

**People: We remind ourselves to loosen our grasp,  
to trust instead of control.**

Leader: We praise a God we cannot see  
and celebrate a salvation we do not understand.

**People: In worship we give of ourselves  
and we receive the disarming power of God.**

Leader: We cry:

**All: *Blessed is the One who comes in the power of  
God's name.***

## Prayer

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns:** *"God of Love, Hear our Prayer"*

## Music

## Living the Gospel

**Scripture:** Luke 19:29-44

**Message:** "What Do You Expect" - Jayne

## Silent Reflection

## Open Responses

## Lenten prayer of confession:

Leader: Holy One,  
we seek you while you may be found.

**People: We call upon you while you are near.**

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God,  
for our thoughts are not your thoughts  
and our ways are not your ways.

**People: Forgive us for seeking power over others  
and let us instead seek power with and for  
the most vulnerable.**

Leader: As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey,  
let us see your way more clearly

**All: *and follow your way more faithfully.***

## Sending Music

## Sending Words

*\*Resource used: Leader Magazine Worship Resources, Winter 2021-22*





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Johnstown, Pennsylvania

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## FOCUS STATEMENT:

*As we seek God's way,  
we move from an understanding of power  
that grasps for control over others  
to an understanding that true power  
comes from working with  
and for others in love.*

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.

**Our Mission Offering for April is the Highland Health Clinic.**

**You will be hearing more about this work.** It provides free *medical* and pharmaceutical care to uninsured people across the greater *Johnstown* region.

**We will have a Good Friday Service on Fri., April 15 at 7:00 pm.**

This service will include communion and foot washing. If you would like to participate in a 4 person Reader's Theater or scripture reading, please let Jayne know.

**We will have an Easter Sunday Outdoor Sunrise Service** at the Hunsberger farm (687 E Campus Ave, Davidsville) at 6:00 am followed by a breakfast. (*Note new starting time due to the sun rising earlier than we thought!*) Stay tuned for more details! We will also have our regular worship service at 10:30 am at the church.

Over the past month, we have borne witness to a heartbreaking refugee crisis in Ukraine. According to the United Nations, there are over 26 million refugees throughout the world who have been forced to flee their communities. Less than 1% will find safety in the U.S., but for the families accepted into the U.S. resettlement program, the journey does not end when they arrive in their new communities. You are invited to join **MCC and Church World Service on Tuesday, April 12, at 2:00 pm EDT for a webinar** to learn more about how to welcome refugees in your community. During this time, we'll address questions such as:

- Who are refugees?
- How do refugees come to the U.S.?
- What does the refugee resettlement process look like?
- What are some challenges and opportunities refugees encounter when they settle into their new community?
- What are some ways each of us can get involved and support refugees in the U.S.

To register, go online to "MCC Welcoming Refugees in Your Community".

**Respond to the crisis in Ukraine:** MCC will be responding to the crisis in Ukraine through its local partners. Russian military forces have invaded the country with missiles striking major cities and casualties continuing to grow. Your prayers and donations will help partners scale up their work providing relief and trauma healing for vulnerable and displaced people. “Ukraine is experiencing major upheaval, but our partners have supplies ready to help vulnerable and displaced people,” says Rebecca Hessenauer, MCC representative for Ukraine. Donate today by visiting [mcc.org/ukraine](http://mcc.org/ukraine). Please send donation checks to: MCC PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501 or call toll-free at 1-888-563-4676.

**Johnstown Christian School Tour Choir & Handbell Choir** will be at Oakland United Methodist Church, 1504 Bedford St., Johnstown, PA on Sun., May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**Common Grounds Outreach** is excited to announce on **May 20-21, 2022** our Women’s Conference 2022 is BACK! This year it is all about *Transforming Relationships* in our lives, with others & with God! Invite all the women in your life to be blessed through worship, guest speakers, prayer, food, fellowship and activities. Registration is open at [commongroundsoutreach.org](http://commongroundsoutreach.org). We can’t wait to see you!

**The new VOICES TOGETHER hymnals are in the pews!** We have a few extra copies if you would like to purchase one to take home with you. They are \$25 each. Also, as you look at the older HYMNAL WORSHIP BOOK in your pew, if it is a bit ragged and worn, there are better copies to exchange it with on the front pew. We also have one large print VOICES TOGETHER available on the front pew. If we need more, let Jayne know.

Because of the decline in Covid 19 cases, CDC recommendations for masking have eased. Conemaugh Medical Center has also moved into “green” phase because of low covid numbers. Therefore, **Lay Leaders are recommending we make masking optional in** who has been vaccinated. Thanks for your patience and care **for our worship gatherings.** If you are immunocompromised or are protecting someone in your household, you may choose to continue masking, but we are no longer recommending this for everyone’s health.

**Thank you for your continued generous giving of your finances.**

Without each of you we would not be able to do the work of the church. The beginning of the year, with winter weather and lingering Covid concerns, has us **off to a slow start in our finances.**

Hopefully as we get out more and warmer weather comes, giving will increase. As always, you can give in the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings or mail your offering to the church or to Kathy Thomas (our new assistant treasurer). You can also give electronically on our website. (Remember that you have the option to cover the cost of processing the donation as well.) This can easily be set up as a recurring offering, so you don't have to worry about finding the checkbook each week! However you give, know that the work of Stahl Mennonite Church cannot happen without it!

\*\*\*\*\* PRAYER REQUESTS \*\*\*\*\*

Joy Cotchen  
Sam Speigle  
Ukraine

Gus Barrett-Fox  
Dan Gates  
Allegheny Mennonite Conference

Wingard Family  
Ed & Sue Dietle