

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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April 14, 2019

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:30 A.M.

Uniform Series – Upstairs Sunday School Class

Bible Study – Basement Kitchen Class

MORNING WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.

**Palm Sunday/Lent 6: Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast
God's Steadfast Love Endures Forever**

Worship Leader: Sonya Horsley **Song Leader:** Rachel Allen

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Song

Call to Worship: (based on Psalms 63 and 118)

Leader: O God, you are our God. We seek you.

People: Our souls' thirst for you as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Leader: We thank you for being our salvation, for being our chief cornerstone.

People: We bless you as we bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar!

All: O God, you satisfy our souls as with a rich feast.
In the shadow of your wings, we sing for joy, and
you uphold us.

Prayer

Offering/Hymn

Extinguishing Candle

Song: "All this pain" – new song from *Voices Together*
(in back of HWB)

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

Scripture: Luke 19:28-40 – Donna Thomas

Message: "Make Way for Jesus" - Jayne

Response of Confession and Reconciliation:

Leader: (reading Philippians 2:5-11)

"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ
Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to
be exploited,

but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself and became obedient to the
point of death—

even death on a cross.

"Therefore, God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the
Father."

Who will confess Jesus as Lord today?

Confessional Response: (*everyone who wishes to, stands
and says*)

I will confess Jesus as Lord today.

*(you may come forward with palm branch
and place it on or near the front table.)*

Leader: We are all invited to confess Jesus as Lord.

Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer.

All: Living God, give us the courage to confess your Son,
Jesus, as our Lord.
When others vie for our loyalty, we will confess
Jesus as Lord.

Leader: When earthly powers claim supremacy (pause), we will confess Jesus as
Lord. When our souls' hunger for reality and truth (pause), we will
confess Jesus as Lord.

All: In the morning and in the evening, we will confess Jesus as Lord.

Leader: Our generous God has provided for us.

Sending Song

Benediction: (from Philippians 2)

Greeters for April: Neil & Ellen Lehman

Bulletin Editor for April: Shana Lichtenfels – 288-0171

Front Table Arrangement for April: Worship Committee

Church Sign for April: Neil & Ellen Lehman

Offering Holders for April: Neil & Ellen Lehman

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

Offering: 04/07/2019 - \$2,002.00 – Regular

*******COMING EVENTS*******

Today, Apr. 14, 2:00 p.m. – Kids Connection Easter Egg Hunt

Mon., Apr. 15, 7:00 p.m. – Hosting EMHS Choir program

Fri., Apr. 19, 7:00 p.m. – Good Friday Service

Sun., Apr. 21, 8:45 a.m. – Easter “Sonrise” Service

9:30 a.m. – Easter Breakfast

10:30 a.m. – Easter Worship

Sun, Apr 28 – Mission Offering for Benevolence Fund

Wed., May 8, 7:15 p.m. – Spiritual Growth Group

Thu., May 9, 2:30 p.m. – Lay Leaders

Fri., May 10, 9:00 a.m. – Worship Committee

Sun., July 28 to Thurs., Aug. 1 – Summer Bible School with Thomas Mennonite Church

Sat. & Sun., Sept. 28-29 – Church Retreat at Laurelville



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