



**February 25, 2018**

WELCOME TO GERMANTOWN MENNONITE CHURCH

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**GATHERING**

Welcome  
Prelude

Emily Derstine Friesen  
Anastasia Stamoulis

**PRAISING**

\*Call to Worship

Dan Thut

One: Like Jesus, the Great Questioner, let us keep our questions alive,

**All: That we may always be seekers rather than settlers.**

One: Let us guard ourselves from settling in,

**All: Resisting the urge to blindly settle for easy answers.**

One: Let us be attuned to surprises,

**All: That we may move beyond borders and assumptions.**

One: Let us be a wondering, far-sighted, questioning, hopeful people,

**All: That we may have the feet of pilgrims on this journey unfinished,  
following in the way of love and life.**

\*Congregational Singing

Douglas Witmer

\*Passing the Peace

*Please offer a sign of peace to your neighbors and welcome them to our time together.*

Welcome of Guests

*We invite guests to fill out a welcome card found in the sleeve on the inside of your hymnal and drop it into the offering basket at offering time.*

**CONFESSING**

Interlude

Jonathan Landis

Reflection

Doug Alderfer

Confession

Amy Yoder McGloughlin

One: God, our scars are stories of how you brought us through.

**All: We tell our stories to remember.**

One: You brought your people out of enslavement in Egypt, and  
Babylon. You have walked with your people into the promised land,  
and through the valley of the shadow of death.

**All: And you still walk with us.**

One: We celebrate the ways you brought this congregation from difficulty to  
new understanding.

**All: We bless their journey.**

(Anointing)

One: Holy one, thank you for bringing us through.

**All: Thank you for walking with your people, now and forever. AMEN.**

Congregational Singing

HWB #567 How Firm a Foundation

**OFFERING**

*Please come forward as you are able to offer your gifts to God. Our Special Offering Our special offering goes to Journey of Hope, an organization led by murder victim family members offering a broad, universal message that addresses all forms of violence worldwide. Food offering for Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry may be placed in the baskets on the floor.*

Offering

Offertory

Anastasia Stamoulis

Prayer

**PROCLAIMING**

Children's Time

Jennifer Brinkmeier

Scripture: Mark 8:31-38

Congregational Singing

Sermon

Charlie Miller

Silence

Congregational Singing

**SHARING**

Sharing

*All are welcome to reflect on the service and to bring joys, struggles, and other prayer concerns before God and our church community. Please wait until an usher brings you a microphone, state your name, joy or petition, and conclude with "God of Grace" and all may respond "Hear our prayer."*

Prayer

**SENDING**

Announcements

\*Congregational Singing

\*Benediction

*\*please stand as you are able*

*Following the service all are welcome downstairs for a time of fellowship and light snacks.*

*Today's Trustee is Charlie McGloughlin*

*Today's Hospitality Hosts are Grace Marie Gerber & Anna Hoover*

*Today's Rug Supervisor is Dave Krueger*

*Nursery is provided by Erin Heisey & Emilia Thut*

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Mar 4, 2018

Worship Leader: Doran Stucky  
 Speaker: Amy Yoder McGoughlin  
 Song Leader: Bluegrass Band  
 Prelude/Offertory: Alison Smithey  
 Children's Time: Jude Smithey  
 Trustee: Steve Gerber  
 Hospitality: Becky Kreider & Bethany Flood  
 Nursery: Karla Thut & Erin Heisey  
 Rug Duty: TBD  
 Greeters: TBD

Mar 11, 2018

Worship Leader: Jeff Garis  
 Speaker: Amy Yoder McGoughlin  
 Song Leader: Teri Gemberling-Johnson  
 Prelude/Offertory: Timothy Aikins-Hill & Band  
 Children's Time: Ken Roberts  
 Trustee: Jon Kauffman  
 Hospitality: Caitlin VanderWindt & Reba McGloughlin  
 Nursery: Alison Smithey & Grace Burkholder  
 Rug Duty: Jude Smithey  
 Greeters: TBD

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Feb 18-Mar 11	Hosting Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network Guests
Mar 3	Youth Group, 4pm-8pm
Mar 10	Kids' Club, 5pm-7pm
April 14	Discovery: A Comic Lament, 7pm-9pm
April 27-29	Women's Retreat in Pocono Manor

Welcome to Germantown Mennonite! Our guest wifi is **GMC Guest** and the password is **GMC\*1683**.  
 Visiting? Or maybe you've worshipped with us a few times before? We'd love to stay in touch. Be sure to fill out  
 a welcome card (found inside your blue hymnals) and drop it in the offering plate.

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Our congregation adopted a child protection policy in 2014, designed to create a culture of sanctuary and openness for all of us. Our policy states the following: All interactions between young people and adults must be visible to others and young people between 5-12 must use a "buddy system." The responsibility of child protection is on all of us. If you have any concerns about safety, you can reach out to Karla Hernandez-Thut (karlathut@gmail.com, 215-280-2118); or John Bergen (john@germantownmennonite.org, 316-803-7868). A copy of the policy is available outside the church office.