



February 4, 2018

WELCOME TO GERMANTOWN MENNONITE CHURCH

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GATHERING

Welcome
Prelude

Jonathan Landis
David Himmer

PRAISING

*Call to Worship

Jonathan Landis

One: We come this morning seeking healing, so we bring you our pain.

Many: We come this morning seeking answers, so we bring you our questions.

One: We come this morning seeking comfort, so we bring you our dis-ease.

Many: We come this morning seeking freedom, so we bring you our inhibitions.

One: We come this morning seeking peace, so we bring you our conflicts.

Many: We come this morning seeking love, so we bring you our pride.

One: We come this morning seeking forgiveness, so we bring you our sins.

Many: We come this morning seeking success, so we bring you our fear.

All: We come to you, O God, who makes a way out of no way. We come seeking to be in your presence one more time. Take away our sadness and give us your joy.

*Congregational Singing

Charlie McGloughlin

*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

Confession

One: Ours is a messy world. We have inherited many problems and we create others in our efforts to undo older ones. Sometimes the big-picture issues frighten us; sometimes we live with issues much closer to home.

All: Is God with us?

One: We are hurting, we are lonely, we are scared. We are broken, we are tired, we are angry, we are cynical. We are anxious and worried about many things.

All: Is God with us?

One: Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of heaven and earth. God will not grow tired of restoring the world God created, nor weary of reconciling God's children. This is God's work, and God will see it through. We may not

always understand what's happening, we may not always see God's hand, but we can choose to trust that God will show up, even in our mundane, messy lives, to strengthen us - the weak and weary - to keep going. The Lord will renew our strength.

All: God is with us.

Words of Assurance

Congregational Singing

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

David Himmer

Prayer

PROCLAIMING

Children's Time

John Bergen

Congregational Singing

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40: 21-31

Scripture Reading: Psalm 147: 1-11

Sermon

Amy Yoder McGloughlin

Silence

Congregational Singing

SHARING

Communion

We take communion by intinction (dipping the bread in the cup). If you wish to participate, please come forward as you are able or have someone near you notify the servers that you need the elements brought to you. For children and those who wish an alternative, a Grape Circle is also offered.

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.

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Feb 11, 2018

Worship Leader: Michelle Brix
 Speaker: Jonathan Landis
 Song Leader: Andi Wingert
 Prelude/Offertory: Emily Peña Murphey
 Children's Time: Amy Yoder McGloughlin
 Trustee: Jon Kauffman
 Hospitality: Anna Hoover & Grace Marie Gerber
 Nursery: Grace Burkholder
 Rug Duty: TBD
 Greeters: TBD

Feb 18, 2018

Worship Leader: Doug Brunk
 Speaker: Amy Yoder McGloughlin
 Song Leader: Douglas Witmer
 Prelude/Offertory: Will McGloughlin
 Children's Time: Jude Smithey
 Trustee: Joe Murzyn
 Hospitality: Bethany Flood & Becky Kreider
 Nursery: Alison Smithey & Erin Heisey
 Rug Duty: Jude Smithey
 Greeters: TBD

LOOKING AHEAD

Feb 4	Super Bowl Party, 5pm-11pm
Feb 10	Old(ish) Women's Breakfast, 8:15-10:15am @ Rose Petals Cafe
Feb 10	Karaoke Fundraiser, 7pm
Feb 18-Mar 11	Hosting IHN Guests
Mar 3	Book Talk with Liliana Vilasquez, 7pm

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 hymnals) and drop it in the offering plate.

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.