

Ridgeview Mennonite Church
3723 Ridge Road, Gordonville, PA 17529
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February 11, 2024

Called by God to learn and share together God's love with all creation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15 AM

Worship Leader: Klaudia Smucker
Music: Nathan & Sarah Horst

Prelude
Gathering
Welcome & Announcements
Lighting the Peace Candle
Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings

Call to Worship

One: As a community of faith, curious and doubtful together, we come to worship. Though we have known hardship and pain, though life has not always turned out as we had hoped, we will stand here and say:

Many: God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: Though life becomes more complex, and the deepest questions remain unanswered while the mystery of faith deepens, we know that nothing can come between us and God.

Many: We know that God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: Though the pain of the world often seems more than we can bear or address, though we falter and fail and need your forgiveness, we can stand firm in our faith and say:

Many: No matter what we do, or how far we go, nothing can separate us from God's love.

All: Because God's steadfast love endures forever!

Congregational Singing

Children's Time: Julie Sommers & Elaine Shirk

Scripture: Mark 2:1-12

Message: "*Rise Up*" Jon Heinly

Jon and his wife, Megan, live in Lancaster City where they are members of East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church. He is director of Donor Advising for Lancaster Public Library. He also serves on the Ministerial Leadership Committee for Atlantic Coast Conference.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

We place ourselves in your presence; we rest in the promise of your grace.

Our minds and our spirits are cluttered with many thoughts and feelings that threaten to pull our attention away from you. Let us unclench our fists and release these things.

We release all that we have done today—whether for good or for ill.

We release all that we feel like we should have done today, but did not do.

We release our fear. We release our anxiety. We release our impatience. We release our pride.

All of the thoughts, all of the feelings that pull us away from you, O God, we release.

Fill us now with the joy and the peace of your deep, abiding presence.

We offer all of ourselves to you, our One God, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer. Amen.

(<https://spaciousfaith.com/2011/03/02/wednesday-worship-pieces-ash-wednesday/>)

Response Song

Benediction

Sending Song

WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY...Lent 1, *Christ Among Us: Repent and Believe*, Mark 1:9-15, Pastor Klaudia

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wed 9:00 a.m. Food pac

Feb 26, Mon 6:30 p.m. Pastoral Search Committee meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEEDED...grocery bags, double bagged, for the food pac program.

THE MENNONITE EDUCATION FUND for the 2024-25 school year is now open. Contributions may be made through the offering (please indicate for the education fund) or directly to Marsha Horst.

MENNONITE EDUCATION AGENCY, the education agency of Mennonite Church USA, is pleased to share the Lent at Home 2024 worship guide and calendar, available for download in English and Spanish at the MEA website:

<https://www.mennoniteeducation.org/resources/lent-at-home/>.

Printed copies are on the welcome table in the lobby.

REPORT FOR February 4

Offering \$2,207 Attendance 63



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