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# Waterford Mennonite Church

July 18, 2021

## We Are Like Trees

Prelude Deanna Beth Chupp

Song Monica Stutzman  
*I Sing the Mighty Power of God* VT 182

Welcome and Call to worship Aaron Lehman

Leader: Creating God, we are here to worship you. We join with creation to praise you.

**All: Come Holy Spirit. Bring new life to our world.**

Leader: Today we celebrate the beauty and importance of plants and trees in creation.

**All: Come Holy Spirit. Bring new life to our world.**

Leader: Like trees, help us grow tall and strong in your love. Help us grow fruit that shows our love for you and for all creation.

**All: Come Holy Spirit. Bring new life to our world.**

Leader: Come Holy Spirit. Bring new life to our world.

Lighting the Peace Lamp\*

Song *Planets Humming As They Wander* VT 175

Offering (Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)

God's work among us Peter Graber and Naun Cerrato, La Posada

Children's time Katie Misz and Leah Berkey

Scripture Jeremiah 17:5-8

Sermon "3 Questions: Trust, Location, Fruit" Cindy Voth

Song of response *I Saw a Tree by the Riverside* VT 514

Pastoral prayer Katie Misz

## Benediction

Sending song

*God, Who Stretched*

VT 529

VT = Voices Together; H = *Hymnal: A Worship Book*; SJ = *Sing the Journey*; SS = *Sing the Story*

\*We light the peace lamp every Sunday to lament all unnecessary and violent loss of life around the world.

## Prayers for Brothers and Sisters

The congregations and leaders of *South Central Mennonite Conference* as they gather for their annual assembly on July 23-25.

*Blanche Hartzler*, who celebrates her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday on Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup>, for God's grace and joy to be poured out on her. Join in her celebration by sending her a card.

For *leaders and the students from EMU and Bluffton* who are traveling to either Arizona or Guatemala during cross-cultural experiences this summer, that they will open their hearts to new ways of living and learning while sharing kindness with everyone they meet.

For *Deron Brill Bergstresser* and *our congregation* as we all anticipate his candidating weekend August 7-8.

*Quito Mennonite Church* in Ecuador has planted a community garden to provide food for church members and work for those who are unemployed. *Delicia Bravo Aguilar* and *Peter Wigginton* of Mennonite Mission Network request prayers for a bountiful harvest.

For *the people of Haiti* in this time of uncertainty, fear and longing for justice and peace in their country.

*New Foundation United in Christ* in Elkhart thanks God for their community's part of the Church vision of Isaiah 61:1-3, and that people sense God's call to them when in distress and hear his still, small voice.

## **This Week at Waterford**

<i>Today</i>	9:00 a.m.	Outdoor worship at Waterford
	10:30 a.m.	Nurture hour classes in various locations
<i>Monday</i>	8:30 a.m.	Anabaptist Prayers
<i>Tuesday</i>	7:00 p.m.	Ministry Leadership Council
<i>Thursday</i>	7:00 p.m.	Worship Ministry Team
	8:00 p.m.	Anabaptist Prayers

## **Looking Ahead**

July 25: Sermon: Jerrell & Jane Ross Richer; Land Sunday  
Joint Nurture hour in sanctuary with Ross Richers

August 1: Sermon: Neil Amstutz; A New Creation  
(*Revelation 21:1-4, 22:1-5*)

## **Finances – July 11, 2021**

Operating Fund	\$ 2,020.00	Mennonite Education	\$ 2,610.00	
Either Fund	\$ 8,440.00	<b><i>Budget subtotal</i></b>	<b>\$ 13,070.00</b>	
			<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>\$ 13,070.00</b>

## **Out of Office**

Katie Misz July 23-31  
Neil Amstutz July 18-26

## **Pastoral Team**

Neil Amstutz, Pastoral Team Leader  
Cindy Voth, Pastor of Community Life  
Katie Misz, Pastor of Family Life  
Velma Swartz, Interim Pastor of Senior Ministries

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