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July 4, 2021

# God's Kingdom is Like a Seed

Prelude Lorraine Reinford  
Song Bob Brenneman  
*We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer* VT 34  
Welcome and Call to worship Mary & Merle Hochstedler

*Leader: Let us praise our King together.*

## Congregation Low Voices:

**In God's Kingdom we see the Creator's pattern.**

## Congregation High Voices:

Planted seeds surprise and delight as they spring forth.

**Seeds of Faith, Hope, Love and Joy burst into flower.**

Mercy, Justice, Truth and Peace are both seed and fruit.

**We stand in awe of Your way with seeds, Oh God.**

We praise You for the flourishing of trees,

**Vast in measure and ready to host all who would flock there.**

We stand in awe of the hospitality of Your kingdom.

**All good things reveal Your Goodness, Oh God.**

*All: You are worthy of our worship!*

Lighting the Peace Lamp\*

Offering

(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)

Song *God of the Fertile Fields* VT 750

Children's time Jerry & Barb Landes,  
Cora Shreiner Landes, Jon. & Mary Ann Wieand

Scripture Mark 4:26-32

Sermon Neil Amstutz

Song of response *What Is the World Like* VT 298

Pastoral prayer Velma Swartz

Pastoral search update Rachel Stoltzfus

## Benediction

Sending song

*You Are Salt for the Earth*

VT 297

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

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

## Prayers for Brothers and Sisters

Senior Adult, *Mildred Yoder*, who is no longer able to worship with us in person.

*Arloa Bontrager* of Mennonite Mission Network has been the servant project coordinator for Mennonite Church USA conventions since 2003! Thank God for her faithful ministry and for the 23,533 volunteers who have contributed to the ministry of 420 local agencies during the past 18 years. Pray that Jesus' love will be shown through this year's Service in a Box projects.

*MennoCon delegates from Waterford Zoë Brown, Gary Chupp, Janet Shoemaker and Neil Amstutz, and Youth delegate Camila Pérez Diener* taking part virtually in the Mennonite Church USA convention in Cincinnati July 6-10. May God's Spirit be seen and felt at work by those there in person and those online.

For the *MYF students currently on their camping trip* in Manistee, Mich. May they have safe travels, and build lasting connections as they spend time with God in nature.

*Newly admitted international students* at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary as they prepare for student visa appointments with U.S. Consulate or Embassy offices in their home countries, and that they would be granted visas to study at AMBS.

*Mennonite Fellowship of Bloomington* as they study themes of Hope, Covenant and Grace during the summer and for their pastor, John Sauder, as he participates in an inter-faith group discussing racial concerns in their city.

## This Week at Waterford

Office Closed: Monday, Thursday, Friday

<i>Today</i>	9:00 a.m.	Outdoor worship at Waterford
	10:30 a.m.	Nurture hour classes in various locations
<i>Monday</i>	7:00 p.m.	Senior Adult MT via Zoom
	8:30 a.m.	Anabaptist Prayers
<i>Thursday</i>	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministers / N Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Facilities & Finance MT
	8:00 p.m.	Anabaptist Prayers

## Looking Ahead

July 11: Sermon: Steve Thomas; Forest Sunday

July 18: Sermon: Cindy Voth; We Are Like Trees

*(Psalm 52:8-9; Psalm 92:12-15; Jeremiah 17:7-8)*

## Finances – June 27, 2021

Operating Fund	\$ 3,376.00	Mennonite Education	\$ 2,200.00
Either Fund	\$ 2,765.00	<b><i>Budget subtotal</i></b>	<b>\$ 8,341.00</b>
Pavilion	\$ 500.00	WS 3.0	\$ 200.00
		<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>\$ 9,041.00</b>

## Out of Office

Cindy Voth July 3-11

Janet Shoemaker July 7-9

Karen Hostetler July 8-9

## 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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