

Waterford Mennonite Church

August 15, 2021

Claiming Hope through Renewing, Rebuilding, Reconnecting

Prelude Lorraine Reinford

Songs Bob Brenneman
Great is Thy Faithfulness VT 419

Lament

Call to Worship Jeremy Kauffman

Song *What Comfort Can Our Worship Bring* VT 623

Offering (Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)
(Please pass the friendship pads)

Scripture Lamentations 3:19-20

Meditation Cindy Voth

Special Music "Even If" Ruthie Saunders

Ritual Response: Laying down stones

At the conclusion of music, people may place their stones in the baskets being passed around.

Hope

Transition from Lament to Hope

Scripture Lamentations 3:21-24

Children's time Denise Diener, Félix Pérez Diener

Meditation and Lighting the Peace Lamp* Cindy Voth

Ritual response: Naming our hopes

During the playing of music, people are encouraged to write their hopes on the bookmark in the bulletin.

Song *Beyond a Dying Sun* VT 416

Congregational Vote on Pastor of Senior Ministries Cynthia Bontrager

Pastoral prayer Katie Misz

Benediction

Sending song *Lead me Forth* VT 837

VT = Voices Together; 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

Pray for *Lila and Jim Gascho and attending medical staff*, as she has back surgery in Cleveland on August 18.

Thank God for the 17 women and 73 men who received diplomas for their 3-year Systematic Biblical Formation Program from *Benin Bible Institute* on July 24, preparing them for stronger ministries in Beninese churches and institutions. This was BBI's ninth such graduation ceremony.

Pray for strong recovery for *Arnold Roth* after a pacemaker implantation procedure last Thursday.

Pray for Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary *students and faculty* members as they begin a new academic year this month — both in person and at a distance. May their collaborative learning processes be filled with fruitful, Spirit-led connections and insights.

For *healing and recovery for David Molina's sister, Edna Molina*, who experienced a stroke and is in Goshen Hospital intensive care. An increase in blood pressure has caused some bleeding in her head. Her condition is being monitored for change.

Laura Schlabach, of Mennonite Mission Network, has had a steep learning curve during the past year in the JCS International office, as she learned new administrative skills for responding to the crises caused by COVID-19 in Mongolia. She requests prayer to *improve her communication skills*, especially in the Mongolian language.

JD Smucker, who returns to his role as Worship Coordinator on Thursday.

Pray that *Parkview Mennonite Church* will be able pay the balance due for their share of the cost of the drainage tile which has recently been repaired.

This Week at Waterford

<i>Today</i>	9:00 a.m.	Worship in sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Nurture hour classes for all ages
<i>Monday</i>	8:30 a.m.	Anabaptist Prayers – via Zoom
<i>Wednesday</i>	6:30 p.m.	Congregational Meeting via Zoom
<i>Thursday</i>	2:00 p.m.	Children’s Cluster
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Ministry Team
	8:00 p.m.	Anabaptist Prayers – via Zoom

Looking Ahead

August 22: Sermon: Neil Amstutz; Claiming Hope: Prayer

August 29: Sermon: Cindy Voth; Claiming Hope; Communion

Last Sunday Attendance: Worship – 205 (+79 virtual devices); Nurture hour – 111 (+37 virtual devices)

Finances – August 8, 2021

Operating Fund	\$ 4,795.00	Mennonite Education	\$ 3,074.50
Either Fund	\$ 3,465.00	<i>Budget subtotal</i>	\$ 11,334.50
Inez Culp Mem.	\$ 1,071.82	AMBS	\$ 500.00
WS 3.0	\$ 300.00	Total Offering	\$ 13,206.32

Out of Office

Karen Hostetler August 17-September 1

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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