

# Seeking God's Ways

*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the  
LORD. – ISAIAH 55:8*



## Lent 3

How are you receiving God's gift of grace today? When do you have an opportunity to pass along God's grace by allowing others (and yourself) the time needed to grow and change?

# From Earning to Receiving

March 20, 2022

Prelude		John Zehr
Welcome and Call to Worship		Sheldon Swartz
Songs		Bob Brenneman
	<i>My Hope Is Built</i>	VT 621
	<i>I Sought the Lord</i>	VT 161
Lighting the Peace Lamp*		
Responsive Reading		
Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance		
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>	
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
God's work among us "Listening Tour"		Cindy Voth
Song	<i>Let the Hungry Come to Me</i>	VT 459
Children's time		Mark & Krista Daniels and Revy
Scripture	Isaiah 55:1-2, 6-9; Luke 13:1-9	
Sermon	"From Earning to Receiving"	Deron Bergstresser
Song of response	<i>O Healing River</i>	VT 706
Congregational prayer		Katie Misz
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i>	VT 610

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.

*Thank you to Loanne Harms for creating the visuals at the front of the sanctuary for this season of Lent.*

## **Prayers for Brothers and Sisters**

*Deanna Beth and Michael Chupp* as Deanna Beth has a mastectomy on Wednesday as part of treatment for breast cancer.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for *Austin Roberts*, working with Youth With a Mission (YWAM) in Northern Ireland, as he juggles teaching locally and internationally with pursuing a doctorate from Fuller Theological Seminary in California.

For *Darrel and Karen Sommers* as Karen prepares to have hip surgery on Wednesday, March 23, and Darrel moves to the Gables at Greencroft on Monday.

This week we remember in prayer young adult *Nathan Oostland* who is a sophomore at Eastern Mennonite University.

For *Grand Marais* congregation in Michigan, that Christ's light will consistently shine in and through them.

For the *family and friends of Evette Yoder* who died in a tragic auto accident in Indianapolis this week. Evette and her husband, Stuart Kurtz, were part of the young adult Sunday school class led by Beth and JD Smucker when they were students at Goshen College.

## **Welcome Guests**

We are glad to have you join us in worship today. If you have young children, there are sermon boards for children outside the sanctuary doors; please pick one up as you enter. Large print copies of the hymnal and hearing aid systems are available from the ushers.

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## This Week at Waterford

<i>Today</i>	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Nurture Hour classes for all ages
<i>Tuesday</i>	6:30 p.m.	Gifts Discernment MT/ Zoom
<i>Wednesday</i>	7:00 p.m.	MYF/JYF Olentics
	7:00 p.m.	Venture Club
	7:00 p.m.	Enneagram Study
<i>Thursday</i>	7:00 p.m.	Worship Ministry Team
<i>Zoom prayers</i>	Monday - 8:30 a.m., Thursday - 8:00 p.m.	

## Looking Ahead

March 27: Sermon: Frances Ringenberg; Lent 4: From Exceptionalism to Inclusion

*(Joshua 5:9-12; Ps. 32; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32; 2 Cor. 5:16-21)*

April 3: Sermon: Frances Ringenberg; Lent 4: From Scarcity to Abundance

*(Isaiah. 43:16-21; Psalm 126; John 12:1-8; Phil. 3:4b-14)*

**Last Sunday Attendance:** Worship – 170 (+68 virtual); Nurture hour – 160

## Finances – March 13, 2022

Operating Fund	\$ 4,065.00	Mennonite Education	\$ 3,605.00
Either Fund	\$ 8,510.00	<b>Budget subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 16,180.00</b>
<i>Weekly giving needed remaining 6 weeks*</i>			\$ 20,600.00

Least Coin Fund \$ 38.00                      **Total Offering \$ 16,218.00**

## Pastoral Team

Katie Misz, Pastor of Family Life

Deron Bergstresser, Pastor of Senior Ministries

Frances Ringenberg, Interim Pastor

Cindy Voth, (on personal leave)