



**Faces of Our Faith:
The Fig Tree**

Waterford Mennonite Church

May 1, 2022

Prelude		Elvina Schmidt
Songs		Vyron Schmidt
	<i>My Hope Is Built</i>	VT 621
	<i>Bless the Lord</i>	VT 111
Lighting the Peace Lamp*		Jeremy Kauffman
Welcome and Call to Worship		
Song	<i>Christ Is Alive, and Goes Before Us</i>	VT 565
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>	
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
Offertory		O-Lent-ics Video
God's work among us		Kay Miller, Stephen Ministry
Scripture	Mark 11:12-22	
Children's time		Frances Ringenberg
Sermon	"The Puzzle of the Fig Tree"	Ron Ringenberg
Song of response	<i>Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God</i>	VT 653
Congregational prayer		Cindy Voth
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>God, Be the Love</i>	VT 43

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

Maurice and Carol Lehman, who will celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary on May 6.

For *Pastor Katie* as she finishes preparations to leave on sabbatical from May 11 to August 18.

Mennonite Mission Network joins *Marlene Wall*, president of LCC International University in Lithuania, in requesting prayer for faculty and staff, who are caring for both students and refugees from Ukraine. Pray that God's people around the world will contribute to this ministry.

This week we remember in prayer young adult *Ariana Stoltzfus* who is a junior at Spring Arbor University.

For our listening tour as the congregation discerns God's leading for the future.

For the churches in Nepal as the country faces an election this year, for an elected leader that will promote equal rights to Christians.

*As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we
Welcome everyone to faith and fellowship in Jesus Christ,
Minister to the needs of one another and our neighbors
 through the Holy Spirit, and
Call out each other's gifts for the joyful work of
 God's reconciling mission.*

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. We invite you to stay for our nurture hour. Look for the listing of classes in the kiosk in the foyer.

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