



**Faces of Our Faith**  
**Anna**

# Waterford Mennonite Church

July 31, 2022

Prelude		John Zehr
Gathering Songs		Colleen Stoltzfus
	<i>Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah</i>	VT 95
	<i>God Is Here among Us</i>	VT 62
Welcome & Call to worship		Sheldon Swartz
Lighting the Peace Lamp* and prayer		
Offering	<i>(Please pass the friendship pads)</i>	
	(Gifts are for Mennonite Education unless designated otherwise)	
Song	<i>Hope Is a Candle</i>	VT 211
Children's time		Helen Bowman
Scripture	Luke 2:25-38	
Sermon	"What the Elders Saw"	Deron Bergstresser
Song of response	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>	VT 218
Congregational prayer		Frances Ringenberg
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>He Came Down</i>	VT 239

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**

*Ed and Sharon Swartzendruber*, who will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 3.

*Gary and Veronica Berkey and their family* as they grieve the recent death of Gary's mother.

*Freddy Barrón and Margrit Kipfer Barrón*, Mennonite Mission Network workers, as they mentor leaders and support church plants in the Bolivia Mennonite Church. Pray for Freddy as he pastors a congregation and Margrit as she coordinates Christian education for the denomination.

*Galen and Cynthia Kauffmann* as Cynthia continues to receive treatment for cancer.

*Anna Smucker and Ariana Pérez Diener* as they prepare for their upcoming year of service placements.

For God's guidance with *Shalom Mennonite Church* as they come out of the pandemic to be the kind of people whom Jesus calls them to be, especially as they engage in the continuing work of anti-racism.

*Pastor Deron* as he begins his full-time pastoral role tomorrow.

*Students and their families, school teachers and administrators* as they transition back to school in the coming weeks.

*Allegheny Mennonite Conference* congregations as they gather for their annual Celebration of Congregations and Conference on August 5-7.

*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. Children of all ages are welcome in worship. There are sermon boards for children outside the sanctuary doors; please pick one up as you enter. If desired, there is a nursery available in the west end of the foyer for infants and toddlers. 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 welcome brochure on the front table in the foyer.

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