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Living in Freedom

Waterford Mennonite Church

January 15, 2023

Prelude		Deanna Beth Chupp
Gathering Songs		Colleen Stoltzfus
	<i>Morning Has Broken</i>	VT 495
	<i>God of the Bible</i>	VT 420
	<i>My Hope Is Built</i>	VT 621
Welcome and Call to worship		Loanne Harms
Lighting the peace lamp		
Children's time		Aaron Lehman
Offering	<i>(Please pass the friendship pads)</i>	
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
Song	<i>When Peace like a River</i>	VT 617
Scripture	Matthew 3:1-17	
Stories of Living in Freedom		
	Freedom and Change	Nathan Berkey
	Freedom Amid Illness	Deanna Beth Chupp
Song	<i>My Life Flows On</i>	VT 605
Commissioning of Stephen Ministers		Pastor Deron, Stephen Leaders
Song	<i>The Lord Is My Light</i>	VT 437
Congregational prayers		Deron Bergstresser
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Guide My Feet</i>	VT 816

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

Those among us *caretaking for family members* dealing with health issues.

Praise God with *Hopewell Mennonite Church* that their outreach to seniors in their community continues to grow, and that they would have the vision and energy to further expand this ministry and find ways to share the Gospel through it.

Bella Eirby and her two children have been living in our church house, through the Elkhart County Jail Ministry, since September, 2022. Please pray for Bella and the children as they now need to leave the program and move to a different location. Pray also for the *Jail Ministry* as they seek to place another couple or family in the house.

For the *Mennonite Church in India* as they bring relief supplies and stand in solidarity with their fellow Christians who are *victims of religious violence* in Chhattisgarh state, and for religious freedom for all people throughout the country.

Jerrell, Jane and Jordan Ross Richer as they prepare to leave for Ecuador this week.

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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