

# Waterford Mennonite Church

January 22, 2023

## Worship with Goshen College Parables

Prelude Lorraine Reinford

Gathering Songs Nick Stoltzfus  
*Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing* VT 7  
*I Owe the Lord a Morning Song* VT 496  
*When Love is Found* VT 524

Welcome and Call to worship Rose Shetler

Leader: Eternal Love, gentle God, you invite us into the mysteries of your presence as we bow before you with devotion.

*People: As you have loved us, let us love one another. As you have washed us with grace, help us extend grace to one another. We receive Christ's abundant love and care, and we offer God's tenderness to one another.*

Leader: Jesus said to his disciples, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

**All:** *Come Holy Spirit, wash us with your mercy, pour your grace over our lives, and flood the world with the gentleness of your love. Amen.*

Lighting the peace lamp\*

Scripture 1 Corinthians 13

**Parables Program** "Spread Love" (see inside)

Offering (*Please pass the friendship pads*)

(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)

Congregational prayers Katie Misz

\*We light the peace lamp every Sunday to lament all unnecessary and violent loss of life around the world.

# Prayers

For *Barb Albrecht* and *Esther Cender* as they both continue to recover in Greencroft rehab.

Pray, with Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission and Mennonite Mission Network, for the *Mennonite churches in the Democratic Republic of the Congo*, which continue to bring the message of God’s healing and love to those who were injured and traumatized by the *Kamuina Nsapu* rebellion four years ago.

Praise God for *Hudson Lake Mennonite Church’s* new roof, for fast-working roofers and financial aid from unexpected places!

Pray for the *people of Malawi* suffering a cholera outbreak with lack of access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene to prevent infection; and for *Mennonite World Conference national member churches* as they work to treat and prevent disease.

# 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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