



**Sounds of the Season: Lent 1**  
**Loose Kingdom**

# Waterford Mennonite Church

February 26, 2023

Prelude		Esther Rose Graber
Gathering Songs		Bob Brenneman
	<i>Come, Christians, Join to Sing</i>	VT 28
	<i>In Thy Holy Place We Bow</i>	VT 40
	<i>Kyrie eleison</i>	VT 147
Call to worship		Sheldon Swartz
Prayer of adoration and confession		
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Song	<i>There's a Wideness in God's Mercy</i>	VT 156
Offering	<i>(Please pass the friendship pads)</i>	
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
Scripture	Matthew 18:15-35	Ethan and Hannah Claassen Lacy Stoltzfus, Neer Goswami
Sermon		Frances Ringenberg
Song of response	<i>Could It Be That God is Singing</i>	VT 42
Congregational prayers		Katie Misz
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Sent Forth by God's Blessing</i>	VT 812

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

Waterford Mennonite Church delegates, *Karsten Hess, Rose Shetler, Aaron Lehman and Pastor Cindy Voth*, participating in the Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference regional delegate meeting on March 4.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for *Iglesia Cristiana Menonita del Perú* (Mennonite Christian Church of Peru), as they witness about the Prince of Peace during a time of national unrest.

For the millions of mostly-Muslim *internally displaced in Burkina Faso*; and for *Mennonite Church members* as they organize material aid and share the good news of God's reconciliation.

## 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.

## **Our Mission Statement**

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.*

We celebrate that everyone is created in God's image and as followers of Jesus we welcome people of every age, ability, race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status, socio-economic situation, gender identity, and citizenship status as full participants in the life of our congregation.

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