

## **Sounds of the Season: Lent 3**

### **Cutting the Cloth**

### **Ecuador Two-Way Mission**

# Waterford Mennonite Church

March 12, 2023

Prelude		Elvina Schmidt
Gathering Songs		Vyron Schmidt
	<i>We Are One in the Spirit</i>	VT 387
	<i>The Steadfast Love of the Lord</i>	
	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	VT 419
Welcome and Call to worship		Steve & Debbie Fath
Prayer of adoration and confession		
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Song	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	VT 417
Scripture	Matthew 22:1-14	
Offering	<i>(Please pass the friendship pads)</i>	
	(Gifts are for Mennonite Education unless designated otherwise)	
Children's time		Jane & Jerrell Ross Richer
Drama	"The Invitation"	Karsten Hess
Sermon		Jane & Jerrell Ross Richer
Song of response	<i>You Are Salt for the Earth</i>	VT 297
Congregational prayers		
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Go, My Friends, in Grace (v. 1-3)</i>	VT 810

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**

*Don and Sylvia Miller* as Sylvia continues under hospice care.

*Welcoming Spaces task force* as they discern next steps after receiving information from the building contractor.

*Anicka Fast*, serving in Burkina Faso, as she helps facilitate a history-writing workshop for Congolese Mennonites in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, this month.

*Leon and Esther Farmwald*, as they grieve the death of their former daughter-in-law, Susie, and for her children and grandchildren.

For our *Stephen Ministers and Leaders* as they care for people in our congregation.

Praise God for the persistent efforts of *Mennonite pastors in Ukraine* as they minister to people in hopeless situations. Pray that the Spirit of God would continue to strengthen Ukrainian brothers and sisters with hope in this time of suffering.

## **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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