

# **Sounds of the Season: Lent 5**

## **Sifting and Sorting**

# Waterford Mennonite Church

March 19, 2023

Prelude		Lorraine Reinford
Gathering Songs		Jeff Miller
	<i>Summoned by the God Who Made Us</i>	VT 1
	<i>Let's Walk Together</i>	VT 6
	<i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i>	VT 98
Welcome and Call to worship		Lyle Miller
Prayer of adoration and confession		
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Children's time		Karsten Hess
Offering	<i>(Please pass the friendship pads)</i>	
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
Song	<i>We Dream of a Turning</i>	VT 209
Drama	"The Final Judgement?"	Kate Bodiker
Scripture	Matthew 25:31-46**	
Sermon		Deron Bergstresser
Song of response	<i>Jesus Christ Is Waiting</i>	VT 287
Congregational prayers		Lyle Miller
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>As You Go Out from Here</i>	VT 841

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.

\*\*Scripture readers: Helen & Murray Bowman, John & Julie Zehr, Lyle & Bonnie Miller, Janet Shoemaker

## **Prayers**

*Joan Walsh*, who celebrates her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday the 31<sup>st</sup>, for God's grace and joy to be poured out on her. Join in her celebration by signing a card for her at the table in the foyer.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for *Naomi Tice*, who serves with Christliche Dienste (German Mennonite Voluntary Service), as she lives in a Christian community and builds relationships with German Mennonites.

The *Mennonite World Conference Executive Committee meeting* this week in the Vancouver/Abbotsford region of British Columbia, Canada, and for safe travels for the international participants.

For *earthquake victims in Syria and Turkey* as they struggle to put their lives back together.

## **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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