

Sounds of the Season



Easter Sunday

Waterford Mennonite Church

April 9, 2023

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| Prelude | | Elvina Schmidt |
| Gathering Song | Vyron Schmidt, Nick Stoltzfus | |
| | <i>Low in the Grave He Lay</i> | VT 333 |
| | <i>Christ the Lord Is Risen Today</i> | VT 346 |
| | <i>Because He Lives</i> | |
| Welcome and Call to worship | | Luke Gascho |
| Scripture | Matthew 28:1-10 | Luke & Becky Gascho, Becky & Matt Bateman |
| Lighting the peace lamp* | | |
| Offering | <i>(Please pass the friendship pads)</i> | |
| | (Gifts are for Mennonite Education unless designated otherwise) | |
| Congregational prayers | | Katie Misz |
| Songs | <i>In Christ Alone</i> | VT 332 |
| Angel Monologue | | Deron Bergstresser |
| Sermon | “Rejoice: Jesus Has Been Raised” | Cindy Voth |
| Song of response | <i>Praise God</i> | VT 70 |
| Communion | | Katie Misz Matthew Herrmann, music |
| Benediction | | |
| Sending song | <i>Lift Your Glad Voices (v. 1)</i> | VT 340 |

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

Ruth Hollinger, who celebrates her 90th birthday on Tuesday the 11th, 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.

Char Stoltzfus, who will have shoulder replacement surgery on Wednesday.

North Goshen Mennonite Church as they implement their new Vision and for energy and momentum to make the necessary changes for growth.

Marvin and Rachel Yoder as Rachel is experiencing health concerns and is currently in rehab at a local facility.

For the Goshen College Ecuador Study Service Term group traveling back to Goshen on the 10th of April. Prayers for safe travels for *Miranda Pfahler* and *Andrew Smucker* returning home and *Ruth, Andrew, and Isa Hartzler* continuing in Ecuador through the summer. Additionally, we pray for *Naomi Ross Richer* finishing her service term in Tanzania.

Mennonite Mission Network's personnel and partners throughout the United States and in 49 countries around the world in proclaiming the good news of Jesus' victory over the grip of evil in our world.

Today we will share in communion. As we prepare ourselves in our relationships with others, with ourselves, and with God, today we share the bread and the cup. As did the early church (Acts 2:43-47), we will also collect offerings for the Sharing Fund. Ushers will have baskets available as we leave the sanctuary. This fund benefits people in need within the congregation.

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.

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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