

# Directions to the Kin-dom



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## Go God

# Waterford Mennonite Church

May 14, 2023

Prelude		John Zehr
Gathering Song		Colleen Stoltzfus
	<i>Morning Has Broken</i>	VT 495
	<i>Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing</i>	VT 7
	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	VT 436
Welcome and Call to worship		Zoë Brown
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Offering	<i>(Please pass the friendship pads)</i>	
	(Gifts are for Mennonite Education unless designated otherwise)	
Children's time		JD Smucker
Song	<i>Siyahamba</i>	VT 793
Dramatic Scripture Reading		Ursula Hess, Karsten Hess
	"Inner and Written Paul"	Romans 5:1-11
Sermon	"God Gives More Than Sin Can Take"	Deron Bergstresser
Song of response	<i>The Love of God</i>	VT 162
Congregational prayers		Cindy Voth
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Praise God</i>	VT 70

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

*Leah Amstutz*, daughter of Neil and Janette Amstutz, and *Andrew Hansel* who will be married on Saturday, May 20, and for Neil as he officiates.

*Colleen and Pablo Fast*, Mennonite Mission Network workers, as they travel from Brazil to the United States for 3½ months of sharing with their supporting congregations and individuals about how God is working in Brazil.

*Merv Chupp* as he adjusts to his move into Evergreen Place at Greencroft this past week.

For *Sunnyside Mennonite Church* as they seek a new pastor, that they will be filled with wisdom, discernment, and grace; for the candidate who will become their next pastor; and their congregation be filled with hope, patience, and a spirit of unity throughout this process.

Our *congregational meeting* on Tuesday evening.

We give thanks and praise to God for all of the *nurturing women* in our lives who have served as mothers, grandmothers, aunts, teachers, mentors, friends, sponsors, and guides on our spiritual journeys.

## 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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