

# Directions to the Kin-dom



*Luca Verč, Unsplash*

## Go Boldly

# Waterford Mennonite Church

May 7, 2023

|                             |  |                             |
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| Prelude                     |  | Ruthie Saunders             |
| Gathering Song              |  | Nick Stoltzfus              |
|                             | <i>My Hope Is Built</i>                                    | VT 621                      |
|                             | <i>God Loves All His Many People</i>                       | VT 767                      |
|                             | <i>Draw the Circle</i>                                     | VT 802                      |
| Welcome and Call to worship |  | Liz Gingrich                |
| Lighting the peace lamp*    |  |                             |
| Song                        | <i>Faith Begins by Letting Go</i>                          | VT 585                      |
| Offering                    | <i>(Please pass the friendship pads)</i>                   |                             |
|                             | (Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise) |                             |
| Children's time             |  | Krista & Mark Daniels, Revi |
| Dramatic Scripture Reading  |  | Ursula Hess, Karsten Hess   |
|                             | "Inner and Written Paul"                                   | Romans 1:1-17               |
| Sermon                      | "Connections Between Our Two Hands"                        | Cindy Voth                  |
| Song of response            | <i>Will You Let Me Be Your Servant</i>                     | VT 778                      |
| Congregational prayers      |  | Deron Bergstresser          |
| Benediction                 |  |                             |
| Sending song                | <i>Be a Sower</i>  | VT 789                      |

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**

*Leon Farmwald*, who celebrates his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup>, for God's grace and joy to be poured out on him. Join in his celebration by signing a card for him at the table in the foyer.

*Alfonsina and José Oyanguren*, serving through Mennonite Mission Network, request prayer for the more than 40 people from 15 communities in Argentina's Chaco region who are helping voice dub the Jesus Film in the Toba Qom language.

Prayers for Greencroft Evergreen residents who are unable to join us for Sunday services: *Cora Askren and Bob & Leah Beth Shetler*.

For wisdom for *the Goshen College youth and community people* meeting here on Thursday as they discern how to engage the powers concerning ICWA.

*Shalom Mennonite Church* thanks God for all the children that they've had in church in recent weeks, who offer so much joy and hope to their congregation. Pray for God's calling to people in the congregation to fill roles as leaders for the next six years.

## **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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