



season of  
**creation**

**Land Sunday**

# Waterford Mennonite Church

June 4, 2023

Prelude		John Zehr
Gathering Songs		Nick Stoltzfus
	<i>Morning Has Broken</i>	HW 648
	<i>All Things Bright and Beautiful</i>	HW 156
Welcome and Call to worship	Fancheon Resler, Neer Goswami	
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Offering	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
Song	<i>God of the Fertile Fields</i>	HW 390
Children's time		
Special Music	<i>"The Soil" by Pax Ressler</i>	Nick Stoltzfus
Scripture	Psalm 85; Matthew 6:25-34	
Sermon	"Creation Care: Kinship with the Soil"	Luke Gascho
Song of response	<i>God Who Stretched</i>	HW 414
Congregational prayers	Deron Bergstresser	
Benediction		
Sending Song	<i>You Shall Go out with Joy</i>	HW 427

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

For *Joan Walsh*, resident of Manor 2 at Greencroft who is unable to join us for Sunday services.

*Deanna Beth Chupp* as she has another eye surgery on Monday, and for *Michael* as he supports her during her recovery.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayers for *all participants in Mennonite Voluntary Service and Service Adventure*, as they bring closure to their assignments in the coming weeks.

For strength for *Simon Yoder* as he recovers from a heart catheterization done on Thursday at Goshen Hospital.

*Ursula Hess* as she graduates from the Journey Program on Saturday morning as part of IN-MI Annual Sessions at Amigo, and for *Mary Hochstedler* who has served as Ursula's mentor for the past three years.

*WMC Delegates attending Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference Annual Sessions* at Amigo on June 9 - 10 – *Aaron Lehman, Karsten Hess, Rose Shetler, Deron Bergstresser and Cindy Voth.*

For *Mennonite young people in Myanmar* living under a violent military dictatorship leading some to wish to join armed resistance; and for church leaders' work to encourage them to learn about peace.

The *Pérez Diener family* leaving June 11 to participate in an MCC learning tour to Cambodia with other MCC board members and families.

Waterford members serving at Camp Amigo this summer: *Colton & Shelby Eby, Nathan Berkey, Camila Pérez Diener, Lindsey Daniels and Gretchen Bateman.*

## 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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