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A Song of Life

Waterford Mennonite Church

July 2, 2023

Prelude John Zehr Gathering Songs Colleen Stoltzfus *God of the Bible* VT 420 Could It Be That God Is Singing **VT 42** My Soul Cries Out VT 412 Welcome and Call to worship Steve & Debbie Fath God's Work Among Us Ursula Hess, Deron Bergstresser Lighting the peace lamp* Blessing MYF and Delegates for MCUSA Convention (Please pass the friendship pads) Offering (Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise) Drama "Living in Grace" Nick & Amanda Stoltzfus Wonderful Grace of Jesus VT 170 Song Scripture Psalm 1 "Send Down Your Roots" Sermon Deron Bergstresser Song of response VT 514 I Saw a Tree by the Riverside Congregational prayers Cindy Voth Benediction VT 816 Sending Song Guide My Feet

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

Prayers for Senior Adults from Waterford Crossing, Miller's Merry Manor and Hubbard Hill that are unable to attend Sunday Worship service: *Una Ross, Lenora Coyle, Leona Yoder* and *Mildred Yoder*.

Benton Mennonite Church, as the congregation bids farewell in August to copastors Brenda Meyer, retiring after 27 years, and Doug Kaufman, resigning after 23 years to go full time with the Anabaptist Climate Collaborative, and as they welcome Rebecca Helmuth as transitional pastor.

MYF, MYF Sponsors and Pastor Katie, along with WMC Delegates Janet Shoemaker, Zoë Brown, Leah Berkey, Gary Chupp; IMMC Delegate Camila Pérez Diener; and Pastor Cindy participating in Mennonite Church USA Convention this week in Kansas City.

Pray for *Mission Network staff and partners* at MennoCon this week as they present youth service opportunities and talk about the church's response to immigrants and displaced people, violence in South Africa, and global climate change.

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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