

Practicing Our Faith



Simon Berger, Unsplash

Dying Well

Waterford Mennonite Church

August 20, 2023

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| Prelude | | Lorraine Reinford |
| Gathering Songs | | JD Smucker |
| | <i>In Thee Is Gladness</i> | VT 666 |
| | <i>Come On, Children, to the Gospel Feast</i> | VT 511 |
| | <i>Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God</i> | VT 653 |
| Statio | | |
| Lighting the peace lamp* | | |
| Welcome & Call to worship | | Deron Bergstresser |
| Song of praise | <i>Shepherd Me, O God</i> | VT 744 |
| Offering | <i>Please pass the friendship pads</i> | |
| | (Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise) | |
| Testimony | | Cynthia Kauffmann |
| Song | <i>I Want Jesus to Walk with Me</i> | VT 306 |
| Children's time | | Marge Gingerich |
| Scripture | Psalm 46:1-3; 31:14-15; Romans 8:38 | |
| Meditation | | Velma Swartz |
| Moment of silence | | |
| Song of Response | <i>My Life Flows On</i> | VT 605 |
| Congregational prayers | | Deron Bergstresser |
| Benediction | | |
| Sending Song | <i>The Hand of God Shall Hold You</i> | VT 671 |

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

Pray for *Kenneth Blount* who has begun a five-week online training course in preparation for becoming an additional Stephen Leader to serve in our congregation.

For all those who have lost homes and loved ones in the wildfires on Maui.

Jim Christophel, who celebrates his 91st birthday on Monday the 21st, 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.

Pray for *Christy Harrison and Peter Sensenig, and their three children*, as they complete their North American Ministry this week and go back to Chad on Friday. The family serves jointly with Eastern Mennonite Missions and Mennonite Mission Network.

For *Sharon Swartzendruber* as she recovers from a shoulder injury from a fall last week.

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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