

Practicing Our Faith



"Christ Healing the Blind," by Tobias Minzi (Tanzania)

Healing

Waterford Mennonite Church

September 17, 2023

Prelude		John Zehr
Gathering Songs		Jeff Miller
	<i>What Is This Place</i>	VT 22
	<i>Touch the Earth Lightly</i>	VT 145
Statio		Deron Bergstresser
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Welcome & Call to worship		VT 853
Song	<i>Holy God We Praise Thy Name</i>	VT 126
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>	
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
Children's time		Krista Daniels, Lacy Stoltzfus
Scripture	Luke 6:17-19; Acts 3:1-10; James 5:14-16	
Meditation		Derrick Ramer
Moment of silence		
Song of Response	<i>When You're Afraid</i>	VT 596
Anointing Service		Katie Misz
Benediction		
Sending Song	<i>O God Beyond All Praising (v. 1, 3)</i>	VT 814

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

Leona Yoder, who celebrates her 93rd birthday on Friday the 22nd, for God's grace and joy to be poured out on her. Join in her celebration by signing a card for her at the table in the foyer.

For *Liz Gingrich* as she has hip replacement surgery on Tuesday morning, the 19th, and for *her family in England* as they gather for her brother Richard's funeral on Friday, September 22.

Praise God for *Kate Widmer*, who is serving with Mennonite Mission Network, and La Prairie Mennonite congregation in France, as they build relationships with immigrants in their neighborhood.

Joan Walsh, recovering at home after a hospital stay related to an episode of high blood pressure.

For *Leah Beth Shetler and her family* as they grieve the death of Bob in Traverse City, Michigan where Bob and Leah Beth had recently moved.

Praise God for healing from Covid of *Good News Community Chapel's* leadership team and for God's faithfulness to this small group and the plans God has to continue to bless them.

Open Door Class on retreat this weekend at Amigo Centre.

We remember this week our 10th grade students *Gretchen Bateman, Cori Chupp, Isaac Pfahler, Dominic Ramer* and *JoLee Stoltzfus*, and their teachers *Rod Hollinger-Janzen, Esther Farmwald, Brent Beck, Dave Gingerich* and *Luke Gascho*.

Pray for *Christians in the Manipur region of India* who have suffered from religiously motivated violence and for firmness of faith and oneness of hearts amongst the churches in India.

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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