

# Practicing Our Faith



*Created by Loanne Harms*

## Simplicity

# Waterford Mennonite Church

September 24, 2023

Prelude		Deanna Beth Chupp
Gathering Songs		Nick Stoltzfus
	<i>Take My Life and Let It Be</i>	VT 759
	<i>Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart</i>	VT 554
Statio		
Welcome & Call to worship		Krista Daniels, Lacy Stoltzfus
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>	
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
Children's time		Helen Bowman
Song	<i>There's Enough for All</i>	VT 757
Testimony		Chris & Lori Judson
Scripture	Psalm 23; Luke 12:32-34	
Meditation	"Everything We Need"	Katie Misz
Moment of silence		
Song of Response	<i>Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us</i>	VT 718
Congregational Prayer		Cindy Voth
Benediction		
Sending Song	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	VT 549

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

We remember this week our 9<sup>th</sup> grade students *Ethan Claassen, Neer Goswami, Gwen Habecker, Landon Kauffman, Brianna Moser and Lacy Stoltzfus*, and their teachers *Rod Hollinger-Janzen, Esther Farmwald, Brent Beck, Dave Gingerich and Luke Gascho*.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for *a couple who has spent decades ministering in the Middle East*, where they are part of a media team that works at “transforming lives with unstoppable hope.”

*MYF and Sponsors* as they prepare for their Fall Retreat at Amigo next weekend.

Pray for *the plan to plant a Mennonite church* in the forest region of Guinea and other locations in 2023. Pray that God would open doors for evangelistic materials and smooth out the great mountains that stand in front of the vision for church growth.

*Thank you to Loanne Harms who created the beautiful woven visual for the Practicing our Faith series.*

*Thank you to Bob Hochstedler for building the frame to hold it.*

## 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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