

Practicing Our Faith



Aaron Burden, Unsplash

Sabbath

Waterford Mennonite Church

September 3, 2023

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| Prelude | | Shelby Eby |
| Gathering Songs | | Worship Ensemble |
| | <i>Morning Has Broken</i> | VT 495 |
| | <i>How Great Is Our God</i> | VT 116 |
| Statio | | |
| Welcome & Call to worship | | Sheldon Swartz |
| Lighting the peace lamp* | | Brynn Replogle |
| Offering | <i>Please pass the friendship pads</i> | |
| | (Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise) | |
| Song | <i>New Earth, Heavens New</i> | VT 377 |
| Testimony | | Jeff Miller |
| Children's time | | Jerry Landes |
| Scripture | Genesis 1:31-2:3; Mark 2:23-28 | Ethan Claassen |
| Meditation | "A Celebration of Time" | Deron Bergstresser |
| Moment of silence | | |
| Song of Response | <i>Be at Rest</i> | VT 532 |
| Congregational prayers | | Katie Misz |
| Benediction | | |
| Sending Song | <i>Go Now In Peace, Worship Continues</i> | VT 829 |

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 12th grade students *Tyson Chupp, Eva Horning, Sophia Kauffman, Daven Molina* and *Mariah Stoltzfus*, and their teachers *Rod Hollinger-Janzen, Esther Farmwald, Brent Beck, Dave Gingerich* and *Luke Gascho*.

Pray that God's spirit will prepare *Mennonite Voluntary Service and Service Adventure participants'* hearts and minds, as they step out of their comfort zones and risk living out their faith in Anchorage, Alaska; Tucson, Arizona; San Francisco, California; Alamosa and Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Those who are unable to attend Sunday services from Greencroft Healthcare: *Rosie Hershberger, Julia Leatherman, Jane Lehman, Carol Leinbach, Gladys Mast, Jean Oyer, Eloise Schrock*.

For the Spirit's leading as *Fellowship of Hope* listens and discerns what's next for their congregation, and for good conversation and a sense of God's steadfast love.

For *young adult Mennonites in Colombia* who are working for reconciliation, peacebuilding, nonviolence, conscientious objection, truth and justice.

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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