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# **Joseph the Dreamer**

# Waterford Mennonite Church

October 8, 2023

Prelude		Elvina Schmidt
Gathering Songs		Vyron Schmidt
	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>	VT 408
	<i>Lord, I Lift Your Name on High</i>	VT 365
	<i>New Earth, Heavens New</i>	VT 377
Welcome & Call to worship		Zoë Brown
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Song	<i>Rain, Come Down</i>	VT 634
Commissioning of Kenneth Blount		Deron and Stephen Leaders
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>	
	(Gifts are for the Education Fund unless designated otherwise)	
Children's Time		Aaron Lehman
Scripture Monologue		Nathan Berkey
Sermon	"What is God's Dream"	Deron Bergstresser
Song of Response	<i>There's a Wild Hope in the Wind</i>	VT 828
Congregational Prayer		Katie Misz
Benediction		
Sending Song	<i>Go, My Friends, in Grace</i>	VT 810

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 7<sup>th</sup> grade students *Logan Beck, Hannah Claassen, Zeke Ramer, Layna Stoltzfus* and *Susanna Stutzman*, and their teachers *Katie Misz, Matthew Herrmann, Camila Pérez Diener, and Nick Stoltzfus*.

Tomorrow is *Indigenous People's Day*. Pray for Mennonite congregations as they acknowledge that many Mennonites of European descent were among the first to move onto land from which Indigenous Peoples were forcibly removed. Mennonite Mission Network encourages congregations to find ways, in conversation with their Indigenous neighbors, to repair the harm done.

For *Leonard and Rose Shetler* as they grieve the death of Leonard's mother Emma Shetler in Kalona, Iowa. A memorial service was held on Saturday.

*Hudson Lake Mennonite Church* would appreciate continued prayer as they look at the recommendations given by the transitional pastor, and praise God for the provision of new leadership from within the congregation.

For the *people of Cuba* in the midst of a continually worsening food crisis.

## 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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