

*Enter His gates with thanksgiving  
and His courts with praise;  
give thanks to God  
and praise His name.*

*Psalm 100 v 4*



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**A Song of Thanksgiving**

# Waterford Mennonite Church

November 26, 2023

Prelude		Shelby Eby
Gathering songs		Jeff Miller
	<i>Come, Thou Fount</i>	VT 563
	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	VT 120
	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	VT 419
Welcome & Call to worship		Loanne Harms
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>	
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
Sharing/Acknowledging		Nathaniel Snyder
Song	<i>I've Got Peace Like a River</i>	
Sharing/Thanking		Miranda Pfahler
Song	<i>Build Your Kingdom Here</i>	VT 393
Sharing/Paying Attention		Carla Miller
Song	<i>Soon and Very Soon</i>	VT 669
Sharing/Thinking & Praying		Russ Hochstetler
Song	<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i>	VT 628
Congregational prayer		Deron Bergstresser
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>The Peace of the Earth Be with You</i>	VT 838

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**

For *Lorna Claassen* as she has hip replacement surgery on Monday.

For an *immediate and lasting ceasefire* between Israel and Hamas (with care for those wounded in body or spirit).

*Elsie Yoder and family* as they grieve the death of Simon who died this past week.

*Jonah and Memee Yang* began serving with Mennonite Mission Network in September. Pray for Jonah as he teaches Hmong and Thai students in Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Journey Program and for Memee as she offers Sister Care seminars. The Yangs live in Minnesota and will travel to Thailand twice each year.

WMC Delegates visiting with our siblings at Benin Bible Institute – *Pastor Cindy, Luke, Elijah, and Thomas Voth; Rod Hollinger-Janzen.*

For the local ministries of *New Foundation United in Christ Mennonite Fellowship*, Elkhart, and for the youth of their congregation to understand God's call on their lives and to engage fully.

We remember this week our Kindergarten students *Matilda Graber-Ditzler, Katherine Snyder and Beckett Replogle*, and their teachers *JD Smucker and Beth Smucker.*

## **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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