

# Waterford Mennonite Church

## First Sunday of Lent

### Christ Among Us: Repent and Believe

February 18, 2024

Prelude		Esther Rose Graber
Gathering songs		Bob Brenneman
	<i>God Is Here Among Us</i>	VT 62
	<i>The Glory of These Forty Days</i>	VT 305
Welcome & Call to worship		Loanne Harms
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Song	<i>Spirit of God! Descend</i>	VT 557
Offering		Men's Quartet**
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>	
Prayer of Confession		
Song	<i>Like a Rock</i>	VT 63
Scripture	Mark 1:9-15; Genesis 9:8-17	
Sermon	"Driven by the Spirit"	Deron Bergstresser
Song of Response	<i>O Love, How Deep</i>	VT 303
Communion		Katie Misz
Congregational prayer		Cindy Voth

## Benediction

Sending song

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

VT 812

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

\*\*Bob Brenneman, Bob Albrecht, Dave Leatherman, Roger Richer

*Thank you to the Seekers class for preparing the communion elements today.*

*Thank you to Erin and Jordan Smeltzer for creating the Lenten worship visuals.*

## Prayers

*Arnold Roth*, who celebrates his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup>, for God's grace and joy to be poured out on him. Join in his celebration by signing a card for him at the table in the foyer.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the *leaders of Anabaptist seminaries in Colombia, Guatemala, Mexico and the United States*, as they meet to collaborate to expand Spanish-language opportunities for church leadership development.

*Pastor Deron* participating this week in Pastors and Leaders Week at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, and for *Cheryl Zehr* as she provides leadership to the event in her role at AMBS.

*Wildwood Mennonite Church* as their micro group continues "the good fight" to create a faith community together and for direction as they search for new ways to connect with their neighborhood by sharing their building in some way.

## 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.

## 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.

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