

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Christ Among Us,  
The Way of Mercy**

# Waterford Mennonite Church

March 10, 2024

Prelude		Lorraine Reinford
Gathering songs		Nick Stoltzfus
	<i>Wonderful Grace of Jesus</i>	VT 170
	<i>Love the Lord Your God</i>	SS 55
Welcome & Call to worship		Liz Gingrich
Lighting the peace lamp*		Bervalie Lehman
Song	<i>I Sought the Lord</i>	VT 161
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>	
	(Gifts are for Mennonite Education unless designated otherwise)	
Prayer of Confession		
Song	<i>Like a Rock</i>	VT 63
Children's time		Krista & Mark Daniels, Revy
Scripture	John 3:14-21	
Sermon	"How Can This Be?"	Cindy Voth
Song of Response	<i>Mercy, Mercy, Lord</i>	VT 169
Congregational prayer		Deron Bergstresser
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>God Be with You Till We Meet Again</i>	VT 840

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**

*Joan Walsh* as she faces continuing health concerns.

The *Apache people of Arizona* who have had their appeal to preserve Oak Flat from destruction by copper mining struck down by the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals; and for the US Supreme Court to hear their case and put people over profit.

For *Firman Gingerich* recovering at home from back surgery.

For *Laura Schlabach*, Mennonite Mission Network worker who is currently on North American Ministry in the United States, that she will be able to find rest and renewal from the demands of her job at JCS International in Mongolia.

*Belmont Mennonite Fellowship* as they work to be intentional about welcoming new attenders.

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

## **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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