

Fifth Sunday of Lent



**Christ Among Us,
The New Covenant**

Waterford Mennonite Church

March 17, 2024

Prelude Elvina Schmidt

Gathering songs Vyron Schmidt

See Whose Glory Fills the Sky VT 274

As We Rise, O God, to Meet You (1-2,4) VT 39

Welcome & Call to worship Linda Short

Lighting the peace lamp*

Song *Unless a Grain of Wheat* VT 302

Offering *Please pass the friendship pads*
(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)

Prayer of Confession

Song *Like a Rock* VT 63

God's Work Among Us Aaron Lehman, IMMC delegates meeting

Children's time Krista & Mark Daniels, Revy

Scripture John 12:20-33

Sermon "The Life of a Seed" Deron Bergstresser

Song of Response *God, Be the Love (1-2,4-5)* VT 43

Congregational prayer Cindy Voth

Benediction

Sending song *Seeds (2x)* VT 770

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

Pray for our senior adults:

Nelda Nussbaum receiving care at the Laurels in Green Gables.

Wilmer Hollinger at the Gables, Greencroft, for rehab after having a pacemaker installed.

Joan Walsh also at the Gables at Greencroft after a brief hospital stay.

As *Benton Mennonite Church* engages in the spirit-led journey to discern our next pastoral leader, we invite your prayers for openness, wisdom, and unity for our search team and for the individual(s) being prepared to walk with us in mutual service and vision.

For the *church in Myanmar* to maintain their witness even as the civil war intensifies and spreads and the government demands mandatory military conscription for all young adults regardless of gender.

Thank you to Erin, Jordan and Leah 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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