

Palm Sunday

**Christ Among Us,
The Way of a Servant**

Waterford Mennonite Church

March 24, 2024

Prelude		Anne Lehman
Gathering songs	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i> <i>Somlandela (We Will Follow)</i>	Nick Stoltzfus VT 408 VT 566
Call to worship		Velma Swartz, Neer Goswami
Welcome		
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Song	<i>With Astonishment, Fear, and Wonder</i>	VT 579
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i> (Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
Prayer of Confession		
Song	<i>Like a Rock</i>	VT 63
Children's time		Krista & Mark Daniels, Revy
Scripture	John 12:12-19	
Sermon	"The Peaceable King"	Cindy Voth
Song of Response	<i>Christ is King! Let Earthly Powers</i>	VT 410
Congregational prayer		Katie Misz
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>You Shall Go Out with Joy</i>	VT 847

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

Thank you to Erin, Jordan and Leah Smeltzer for creating the Lenten worship visuals. And thank you to Murray and Helen Bowman for providing the pine branches for this morning's procession.

Prayers

Youth and mentors participating this week in the faith exploration class towards baptism.

Join Mennonite Mission Network in praying for *Dr. Jacob Chang and the staff of Mennonite Christian Hospital* in Hualien, Taiwan, as the services they offer grow to meet the needs of the populations they serve; the elderly, mothers and children and those with special needs.

Pastor Cindy as she prepares for her upcoming Sabbatical, and *Linda Short* as she prepares to join the team as interim pastor during Cindy's Sabbatical beginning April 22.

For wisdom for *Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship* as they begin a process to discern how well their current building and facilities meet their needs and vision.

As we approach the end of our church fiscal year on April 30, 2024, the Ministry Leadership Council (MLC) and Facilities and Finance Ministry Team (FFMT) invite the congregation to increase their giving to meet the annual budget giving target of \$770,000. Until recently, monthly giving was on track to reach our budgeted amounts, but the end of January and all the month of February saw a drop in giving as compared to previous months and prior years at this point in the fiscal year. After considering the recent drop in giving and our average weekly giving levels, MLC and FFMT is projecting a budget deficit for the current fiscal year of between \$35,000 - \$40,000 unless giving picks up over these final weeks of our year. Thank you for considering increasing your support at this time to help us avoid a budget deficit. MLC and FFMT

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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