

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**Christ Among Us,  
Showing Us Justice**

# Waterford Mennonite Church

March 3, 2024

Prelude		John Zehr
Gathering songs	<i>I Bind My Heart This Tide</i> <i>Beauty for Brokenness</i>	Derrick Ramer VT 556 VT 712
Welcome & Call to worship		Andrew Hartzler
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Song	<i>Be a Sower</i>	VT 789
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 2:13-22; 1 Corinthians 1:18-19, 25	
Sermon	"God's Weakness"	Deron Bergstresser
Song of Response	<i>How Can We Be Silent</i>	VT 790
Congregational prayer		Katie Misz
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>There Is More Love Somewhere</i>	VT 804

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**

*Virginia Hershberger*, who celebrates her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup>, for God's grace and joy to be poured out on her. Join in her celebration by signing a card for her at the table in the foyer.

*Members of the Central Plains Mennonite Conference* beginning a week-long Just Peace Pilgrimage, organized by Mennonite Mission Network, to open their minds and hearts as they focus on the struggle for civil rights in Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi, and how Jesus is calling his followers to respond.

*WMC Delegates and Pastors* attending Spring Delegate Session on Saturday, March 9 at Prairie Street Mennonite Church.

For *Belmont Mennonite Church* youth as they finish their Faith Exploration class and think about baptism. Pray for us as we grieve the deaths of four women who were pillars in our congregation.

For *Belmont Mennonite Church* as they grieve the deaths of four women who were pillars in their congregation and for their youth as they finish their Faith Exploration class and think about baptism.

*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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