

Biblical Character



Dive In | Lauren Wright Pittman

Ethiopian Eunuch

Waterford Mennonite Church

May 26, 2024

Prelude		Deanna Beth Chupp
Gathering songs		Nick Stoltzfus
	<i>My Soul Cries Out</i>	VT 412
	<i>Draw the Circle Wide</i>	VT 802
Welcome & Call to worship		Jim & Lila Gascho
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>	
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
Song	<i>The Love of God</i>	VT 162
Children's time		Katie Misz
Scripture	Acts 8:26-40	
Sermon	"Where the Spirit Leads"	Derrick Ramer
Song of Response	<i>There's a Wideness in God's Mercy</i>	VT 156
Congregational prayer		Linda Short
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Thuma Mina</i>	VT 834

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

CONTENT WARNING: Today's sermon will include references to suicide and statistics surrounding suicide.

Prayers

Ronald Graber, who celebrates his 94th birthday on Wednesday the 29th, 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.

Christy Harrison and Peter Sensenig are serving in Chad, with their three children, through Eastern Mennonite Missions and Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for Christy as she works as a nurse-midwife and for Peter as he teaches at Shalom Evangelical Theological Seminary.

Félix Pérez Diener and Sofiya Lysenko getting married next Saturday at Waterford.

Pray that *First Mennonite Church, Indianapolis'* Pastoral Team Search Committee and congregation are, with a discerning heart, attentive to Spirit as they wait for the new pastoral team.

For strength and healing for *Phil Ramer* who began chemo treatments this week.

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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