

Biblical Character:

Thomas

Waterford Mennonite Church

May 5, 2024

Prelude		John Zehr
Gathering songs		Nick Stoltzfus
	<i>Hamba nathi</i>	VT 23
	<i>Christ Is Alive, and Goes before Us</i>	VT 565
	<i>Breathe on Me, Breath of God</i>	VT 737
Welcome & Call to worship		Sheldon Swartz
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>	
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
God's Work Among Us	Julian Guamán, Two-Way Mission in Ecuador	
Song	<i>Ask the Complicated Questions</i>	VT 440
Children's time		Aaron Lehman
Scripture	John 20:19-29	Isaac Pfahler
Sermon	"Holy Doubt"	Deron Bergstresser
Song of Response	<i>The Risen Christ</i>	VT 345
Congregational prayer		Katie Misz
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	VT 549

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

Maurice and Carol Lehman, who will celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary on May 6.

Prayers for our Senior Adults from Waterford Crossing, Hubbard Hill, and the Laurels that are unable to attend Sunday Worship service: *Una Ross, Lenora Coyle, Elsie Yoder, Mildred Yoder, Rebecca Ramer* and *Nelda Nussbaum*.

Robin Gingerich, serving with Mennonite Mission Network as an administrator and teacher at LCC International University in Lithuania, requests prayer for wisdom, patience and kindness among faculty, staff and students, as they complete the school year.

We pray with *Ariana Pérez Diener* about ongoing El Niño rains in central Kenya that have already destroyed homes, injured 300, and killed 180 people. For improved alert systems, governmental assistance, and successful evacuations as it continues raining this next 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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