

# To Hope and Act with Creation



**The Rhizosphere**

# Waterford Mennonite Church

June 9, 2024

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| Prelude                   |  | Lorraine Reinford  |
| Gathering songs           |  | Nick Stoltzfus     |
|                           | <i>This Is God's Wondrous World</i>                      | VT 180             |
|                           | <i>Be a Sower</i>  | VT 789             |
| Welcome & Call to worship |  | Fancheon Resler    |
| Lighting the peace lamp*  |  |                    |
| Offering                  | (Gifts are for Mennonite Ed unless designated otherwise) |                    |
| Song                      | <i>The Garden Needs Our Tending Now</i>                  | VT 788             |
| God's Work Among Us       | Lena Claassen, Fun in the Sun elective                   |                    |
| Children's time           |  | Aaron Lehman       |
| Scripture                 | II Corinthians 4:1-18                                    |                    |
| Sermon                    | "Things We Cannot See"                                   | Luke Gascho        |
| Song of Response          | <i>At the Dawn of Your Creation</i>                      | VT 179             |
| Congregational prayer     |  | Deron Bergstresser |
| Benediction               |  |                    |
| Sending song              | <i>In the Bulb There Is a Flower</i>                     | VT 670             |

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 *Karon Weaver* who fell and broke her arm on Monday night. She is at the Maples for rehabilitation. Pray for patience and good healing.

Today, *Mennonite Mission Network's board members* are worshipping in congregations in the Newton, Kansas, area, after a weekend of meetings. Pray for the board members, as they work to implement what they have discerned as the future directions for the agency.

Pray for *Phil Ramer* as he goes for his second chemotherapy treatment this coming Thursday.

Pray for the *internally displaced people* in the East of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) who are very vulnerable and for the *Mennonite churches* locally and in the country who are supporting those in need.

Pray for strength and patience for *Glen Davis* whose knee replacement surgery was cancelled after his blood pressure dropped at the beginning of the procedure.

## **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.*

## TODAY'S ELECTIVES

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cardmaking                    | MYF Rm                      |
| Jigsaw puzzles                | Rm 34/35 in nurture wing    |
| Coping with Grief             | Rm 15 (near kitchen door)   |
| Creative Expressions of Faith | Rm 28/30 in nurture wing    |
| Fun in the Sun                | Kickball on the lawn        |
| Knotting Comforters           | Rm 29/31/33 in nurture wing |
| Salt & Light Bible Study      | Rm 22 (Sojourners)          |
| Singing from Voices Together  | Sanctuary                   |
| Beginners' Yoga               | North Fellowship Hall       |

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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