

# **Biblical Characters**

**Jacob & Esau**

# Waterford Mennonite Church

July 7, 2024

Prelude	Lorraine Reinford
Gathering songs	Nick Stoltzfus
	<i>Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore</i> VT 283
	<i>I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace</i> VT 590
	<i>God Lights a Lamp</i> VT 299
Welcome & Call to worship	Karsten Hess, Isaac Pfahler
Lighting the peace lamp*	
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i> (Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)
Blessing of the Comforters	Deron Bergstresser
Children's Time	Jerry Landes
Scripture	Genesis 28:10-17
Song	<i>Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown</i> VT 191
Sermon	"The Face of Amazing Grace" Deron Bergstresser
Song of response	<i>Amazing Grace</i> VT 163
Congregational prayer	
Benediction	
Sending song	<i>Guide My Feet</i> VT 816

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

Prayers for Greencroft Evergreen residents who are unable to join us for Sunday services: *Cora Askren* and *Wilmer Hollinger*.

Participants from *Belmont Mennonite Church* have just returned from a week-long Mennonite Mission Network-sponsored Just Peace Pilgrimage (JPP). Pray for them as they discern what Jesus' response is for their congregation, after witnessing the reality of life along the Mexico-United States border in southern Texas.

For healing and comfort from pain for *John Birkey* who was in the hospital this week after a bike accident on Tuesday.

For *Mara Christian Church* in Indianapolis as they work through a conflictual situation and their meeting on July 9 and for the people who are helping them: *Spencer Rehn*, *Zachary Kester*, and *Pastor Brian Bither* (Shalom Mennonite).

For *Jim Gascho* who will have heart surgery on Monday.

For *Jane Otto* as she has knee surgery on Tuesday and for a smooth recovery in the weeks ahead.

For the *Mennonite Christian Service Fellowship of India*, a meeting of eight Anabaptist-Mennonite conferences in India, as they have lost license to receive funds from overseas which they heavily depend on for their development and mission work in the country.

## 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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