

# Seeking Peace Together Peace with God



*Jeremy Bishop, Unsplash*

## Seeking God's "Kindom" Brings Peace

# Waterford Mennonite Church

September 1, 2024

Prelude		Deanna Beth Chupp
Gathering Songs		JD Smucker
	<i>Let's Walk Together</i>	VT 6
	<i>Here In This Place</i>	VT 10
	<i>Cantai ao Senhor</i>	VT 113
Welcome and Call to worship		Liz Gingrich
Lighting the peace lamp*		
God's Work Among Us		Ariana Pérez Diener
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>	
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
Children's Time		Jerry Landes
	<i>God Give Me Faith Like Child</i>	VT 519
Scripture	Matthew 6:5-13	
Sermon	"Radical Communion"	Deron Bergstresser
Song of Response	<i>Through Our Fragmentary Prayers</i>	VT 677
Congregational Prayer		Katie Misz
Benediction		
Sending Song	<i>Go Now in Peace</i>	VT 835

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\*We light the peace lamp every Sunday to lament all unnecessary and violent loss of life around the world.

## Prayers

For *Una Ross*, who had a fall last week and is in rehab at the Maples at Waterford Crossing.

Today is the *Day of Prayer for Creation*. Join with Mennonite Church USA and Mission Network in lamenting the harm human beings have inflicted on the Earth, and pray that we will discover unity, as we work together as caretakers of God's creation.

We remember this week our 12<sup>th</sup> grade students *Eleanor Habecker*, *Conner Kauffmann*, *Daphcar Lehman*, *Garrett Stoltzfus* and *David Stutzman*, and their teachers *Phil Habecker*, *Liz Habecker*, *Brent Beck*, *Dave Gingerich* and *Lyle Miller*.

*For a successful agreement to a ceasefire in Israel/Palestine* as Israeli forces have begun a full-scale attack in the West Bank.

For *Julia Leatherman's* declining health and Dave and her family as they gather around her.

For *Jocelyne and Germain* as they prepare to travel to Goshen as the delegation from Benin Bible Institute. (See postcards in mailboxes with more information about our guests and planned activities.)

## 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.*

## 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.

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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