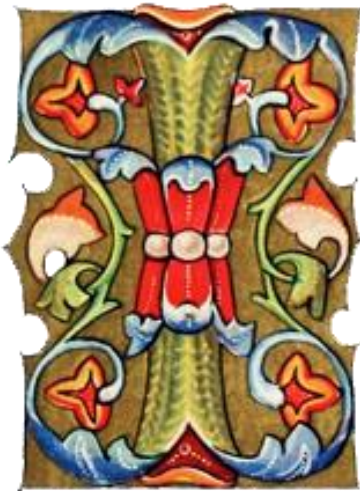


Seeking Peace Together Peace with God



Christian Clip Art Review

*AM the true vine,
and My Father is
the vinedresser.”*

John 15:1

Abiding in Jesus Brings Peace

Waterford Mennonite Church

September 15, 2024

Prelude		John Zehr
Gathering songs		Deanna Beth Chupp
	<i>Brethren, We Have Met to Worship</i>	VT 25
	<i>Come Away from Rush and Hurry</i>	VT 9
	<i>O God beyond All Praising</i>	VT 814
Welcome and Call to worship		Ursula Hess
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>	
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
Song	<i>This Little Light of Mine</i>	VT 762
Children's time	Jocelyne Ahoga, Rod Hollinger-Janzen	
	<i>God, Give Me Faith like a Child</i>	519
Readers' theatre	"Vine and Branches" (from John 15:1-17)	Nick Stoltzfus
Sermon		Jocelyne Ahoga
Song of response	<i>Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord</i>	VT 131
Congregational prayer		Cindy Voth
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>My Lighthouse</i>	VT 597

Thank you to Loanne Harms for creating the worship visuals for this series.

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

We remember this week our 10th grade students *Ethan Claassen, Neer Goswami, Gwen Habecker, Landon Kauffman, Brianna Moser, Anna Schrock* and *Lacy Stoltzfus*, and their teachers *Phil Habecker, Liz Habecker, Brent Beck, Dave Gingerich* and *Lyle Miller*.

Mennonite Mission Network's *Service Adventure participants* are learning to live in new households, integrating into their hosting congregations and settling into their service assignments. Pray for the participants, as well as *Samir Knego*, leader of the unit in Anchorage, Alaska, and *Christian and Leigha Stoltzfus*, who are leading the Colorado Springs unit in Colorado.

For *Germain Dossou* as he travels from Benin and arrives in Goshen on Tuesday.

North Goshen Mennonite Church's new pastor, *Becky Helmuth*, as she steps into her half-time role on September 1. May she feel supported and empowered as she also serves as a half-time interim pastor at East Goshen.

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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