

**Seeking Peace Together:  
Peace within**

**God's Presence  
Brings Peace**

# Waterford Mennonite Church

September 22, 2024

Prelude		Anne Lehman
Gathering songs		Bob Brenneman
	<i>Praise with Joy the World's Creator</i>	VT 428
	<i>Be Still and Know</i>	VT 37
	<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i>	VT 610
Welcome and Call to worship		Sheldon & Velma Swartz
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>	
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
Song	<i>Oh God, You Search Me</i>	VT 199
Children's time	Germain Dossou, Rod Hollinger-Janzen	
	<i>God, Give Me Faith like a Child</i>	519
Readers' theatre	"Known and Loved"	Psalms 139:1-18
	Esther Farmwald, Marge Gingerich, Gretchen Bateman, Lydia Voth	
Sermon	Germain Dossou, Osée Tshiwape**	
Song of response	<i>When Peace Like a River</i>	VT 617
Congregational prayer		Cindy Voth
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Go Now in Peace</i>	VT 835

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.

\*\*This morning's translator, Osée Tshiwape, is a pastor at Sunnyside Mennonite Church.

## Prayers

We remember this week our 9<sup>th</sup> grade students *Lucas Bateman, Miles Gillette, Grant Kauffmann, Bervalie Lehman, Gio Molina* and *Elijah Voth*, and their teachers *Phil Habecker, Liz Habecker, Brent Beck, Dave Gingerich* and *Lyle Miller*.

*Jim Gascho*, who will have a heart procedure done on Tuesday. Prayers for Jim and Lila during this ongoing health journey.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for *Euclides Bauza*, a Mennonite church leader in Venezuela, who served as an election observer in the country's disputed presidential election in July. Pray for Bauza's safety, the families mourning the deaths of loved ones, protection for those who have been arrested and that Venezuelan authorities will care for the needs of citizens.

*Dave and Karen Hostetler* and *Lyle Miller* as they grieve the death of Dave's sister-in-law and Lyle's cousin, *Phyllis Hostetler*, this past week. Pray also for *Phyllis'* family as her brother, *Don Hostetler*, died unexpectedly on Wednesday morning.

Pray for deep spiritual nourishment and physical strength for the *church leaders and chaplains in Ukraine* who seek to live out the vision of the Beatitudes in the midst of war and minister at the front where many are in need of inner healing.

*Elvina and Vyron Schmidt* as they grieve the death of *Elvina's* brother who died last week.

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

## 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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