

Seeking Peace Together: Peace within



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Trusting God Brings Peace

Waterford Mennonite Church

September 29, 2024

Prelude		Lorraine Reinford
Gathering songs		Colleen Stoltzfus
	<i>Rain Down</i>	VT 703
	<i>Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah</i>	VT 606
	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	VT 417
Welcome and Call to worship		Don Miller, Carla Miller
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>	
	(Gifts are for Mennonite Education unless designated otherwise)	
Children's time		Aaron Lehman
	<i>God, Give Me Faith like a Child</i>	519
Readers' theatre	"Letting Go of Worry"	Matthew 6:25-34
	Karl Birky, Amanda Stoltzfus, Jason Herrmann, Lacy Stoltzfus	
Sermon		Deron Bergstresser
	"Trust God and Take Care of Each Other"	
Song of response	<i>Beauty for Brokenness</i>	VT 712
Congregational prayer		Katie Misz, JoLee Stoltzfus
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>O Healing River</i>	VT 706

*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 8th grade students *Logan Beck, Hannah Claassen, Zeke Ramer, Layna Stoltzfus* and *Susanna Stutzman*, and their teachers *Nick Stoltzfus, Jerry Landes, Doug Wengerd* and *Matthew Herrmann*.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for *Anicka Fast*, as she fosters collaborations that cross academic disciplines and national boundaries, and as she teaches global church history and archiving skills throughout Africa. Pray for her as she edits a new Mennonite World Conference Global Anabaptist-Mennonite history series, in addition to teaching and traveling.

We rejoice with *Jesse, Katie, and Lydia Maust* as they joyfully anticipate welcoming identical twin girls in March.

We are grateful for *Haitian immigrants and refugees* who have found a second home in the United States. We denounce all hate speech and rumors that have targeted Haitian Americans in recent days.

For the *Anabaptist at 500 team* planning events to be held in Zürich, Switzerland in May 2025.

We pray God's blessings on *Evan Beck* (son of Brent and Jennifer Beck) and *Caitlyn O'Neal* as they were married yesterday in Russiaville, Ind. They live in Ann Arbor, Mich., where Evan is in his third year of medical school and Caitlyn teaches art.

For *Quito, Ecuador* and surrounding areas impacted by wildfires.

Next Sunday, October 6, we will share in communion. We invite you to prepare your hearts for this sign of God's peace by making peace with God and with your brothers and sisters. As did the early church (Acts 2:43-47), we will also collect offerings for the Sharing Fund. This fund benefits people in need within the congregation.

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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