

Seeking Peace Together Peace with God



Jesus meets with Nicodemus by Henry Ossawa Tanner

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Believing in God Brings Peace

Waterford Mennonite Church

September 8, 2024

Prelude		Ruthie Saunders
Gathering songs		Nick Stoltzfus
	<i>Summoned by the God Who Made Us</i>	VT 1
	<i>How Great Is Our God</i>	VT 116
	<i>Mountain of God</i>	VT 11
Welcome and Call to worship		Deron Bergstresser
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Offering	“Wondering Peace”	Ruthie Saunders
	(Gifts are for Mennonite Education unless designated otherwise)	
	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>	
Children’s time		Ron Weirich
	<i>God, Give Me Faith Like a Child</i>	VT 519
Readers’ theatre	“Born of the Spirit”	Luke and Elijah Voth
	(from John 3:1-21)	
Sermon	“Nicodemus: My Role Model”	Cindy Voth
Song of response	<i>The Love of God</i>	VT 162
Congregational prayer		Deron Bergstresser
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Sizohamba naye</i>	VT 815

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

Prayers for our Senior Adults from Waterford Crossing and Hubbard Hill that are unable to attend Sunday Worship service: *Una Ross, Lenora Coyle, and Mildred Yoder.*

Jocelyne Ahoga as she arrives from Benin on Thursday, and our anticipated time together with her.

For *Andi Santoso*, Mennonite Mission Network's regional director for Asia and the Middle East; *Joe Sawatzky*, MMN's mission education specialist; and *David Boshart*, president of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, who began two weeks of teaching in Indonesia yesterday.

Praise for *Phil Ramer's* cancer-free diagnosis after his recent surgery to remove a tumor in his lung.

We remember this week our 11th grade students *Gretchen Bateman, Cori Chupp, Isaac Pfahler, Dominic Ramer* and *JoLee Stoltzfus*, and their teachers *Phil Habecker, Liz Habecker, Brent Beck, Dave Gingerich* and *Lyle Miller.*

For God's peace for *Christians in India* as they experience persecution by anti-Christian groups, anti-conversion laws and attempts by extremist groups to confiscate church properties.

For *two Ukranian refugee families* arriving this week that WMC members are sponsoring.

Andrew Smucker as he settles in with his host family and begins Spanish language classes.

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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