

Seeking Peace Together: Peace with Others



Peacemakers Forgive

Waterford Mennonite Church

October 13, 2024

Prelude		Ruthie Saunders
Gathering songs		Jeff Miller
	<i>Let Us Build a House</i>	VT 36
	<i>Together</i>	VT 389
	<i>O Blessed Spring</i>	VT 522
Welcome and Call to worship		Erin Smeltzer
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i> (Gifts are for Mennonite Education unless designated otherwise)	
Song	<i>You're Not Alone</i>	VT 779
Children's time	Christa Graber Kauffman, Eleanor Habecker <i>God, Give Me Faith like a Child</i>	VT 519
Scripture	"Jacob and Esau" (Genesis 25-33)	Ethan Claassen, Zeke Ramer, Dom Ramer, Neer Goswami
Sermon	"The Festering Toothpick"	Cindy Voth
Song of response	<i>God, Give Me Time</i>	VT 144
Congregational prayer		Deron Bergstresser
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Sing a New World into Being</i>	VT 809

*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

Cora Askren, who celebrates her 97th birthday on Wednesday the 16th, for God's grace and joy to be poured out on her. Join in her celebration by signing a card for her at the table in the foyer.

For *all those impacted* by Hurricane Milton.

Jocelyne Ahoga and Germain Dossou as they report to Benin Bible Institute on their time here and in Canada.

For *Prairie Street Mennonite Church* as they gather for a congregational retreat at the end of October, studying the Biblical theme of covenant, that God will strengthen their communal witness as a church family.

We remember this week our 6th grade students *Jasmine Gillette* and *Kenzie Zimmerman*, and their teachers *Nick Stoltzfus, Jerry Landes, Doug Wengerd* and *Matthew Herrmann*.

On Tuesday, participants will embark on Mennonite Mission Network's first *Just Peace Pilgrimage to South Africa*. Pray for them as, for the next two-plus weeks, they will immerse themselves in the country's struggle against apartheid and wrestle with the church's role in upholding racial segregation in South Africa and the United States.

Jim Gascho as he continues to recover and heal at home after his time at the IU hospital in Indianapolis.

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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