

**Seeking Peace Together:
Peace with Others**

**Peacemakers Sometimes Walk
Away from Conflict**

Waterford Mennonite Church

October 20, 2024

Prelude		John Zehr
Gathering songs		Bob Brenneman
	<i>You Are Salt for the Earth</i>	VT 297
	<i>Mountain of God</i>	VT 11
	<i>Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace</i>	VT 719
Welcome and Call to worship		George Thompson
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>	
	(Gifts are for Mennonite Education unless designated otherwise)	
Song	<i>For the Healing of the Nations</i>	VT 705
Children's time		Katie Misz
	<i>God, Give Me Faith like a Child</i>	VT 519
Readers Theater	"Isaac and His Neighbors" (Genesis 26:12-33)	Agape Class
Sermon	"Called to Be Water-Protecting Neighbors"	Luke Gascho
Song of response	<i>O Healing River</i>	VT 706
Congregational prayer		Katie Misz
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>The Lord Bless You and Keep You</i>	VT 846

*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

Mervin Chupp, who celebrates his 90th birthday on Monday the 21st, for God's grace and joy to be poured out on him. Join in his celebration by signing a card for him at the table in the foyer.

Esther Rose Graber, who celebrates her 94th birthday on Wednesday the 23rd, 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.

Praise God for continually carrying *Laura Schlabach*, of Mennonite Mission Network, through challenging situations in Mongolia, while she serves outside of her comfort zone on JCS International's three-person executive director team — which is looking for a third person. Pray that JCS will find a full-time executive director and that Laura will find time for rest and renewal.

For *Lynda Hollinger-Janzen*, who is having a knee replacement on Tuesday.

We remember this week our 5th grade students *Lena Claassen* and *Eliza Method*, and their teachers *Jordan Smeltzer*, *Aaron Lehman*, *Laurina Graber-Ditzler* and *Audrey Oostland*

Shalom Mennonite Church (Indianapolis) thanks God for the gift of many young children filling our pews and Sunday school classes and asks that God will provide the volunteers and funds to support this burgeoning ministry.

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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