

**Seeking Peace Together:
Peace with Creation**

**Peacemakers Join God
in Caring for the Earth**

Waterford Mennonite Church

November 10, 2024

Prelude		Elvina Schmidt
Gathering songs		Vyron Schmidt
	<i>I Sing the Mighty Power of God</i>	VT 182
	<i>Morning Has Broken</i>	VT 495
	<i>There's a Wild Hope in the Wind</i>	VT 828
Welcome and Call to worship		Liz Gingrich
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>	
	(Gifts are for Mennonite Education unless designated otherwise)	
Song	<i>Touch the Earth Lightly</i>	VT 145
Children's Story		Erin Smeltzer
	<i>God, Give Me Faith like a Child</i>	VT 519
Readers' Theatre	"God Tends a Garden" (Genesis 2:4-20)	Lacy Stoltzfus, Helen Bowman
Sermon	"Family of Earth and Sky"	Doug Kaufman
Song of response	<i>Called by Earth and Sky</i>	VT 806
Congregational prayer		Cindy Voth
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>The Peace of the Earth</i>	VT 838

*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

Jane Lehman, who celebrates her 92nd birthday on Sunday the 10th, 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.

Andrew Smucker, as he settles into his SALT assignment in Bolivia.

We pray that as *Barb and Maria Thuma* complete a six-week Mennonite Mission Network assignment at *La Casa Grande* in Benin, the seeds of God's love that were sown while Barb was teaching English and Maria was teaching Spanish will help point their students toward Jesus.

Thanksgiving for a successful knee replacement for *Luke Gascho*, and prayers for a smooth recovery.

We remember this week our 2nd grade student *Micah Romão* and his teachers *Anne Lehman, Amy Zoller, Jordan Kauffman* and *Karen Thompson*.

The *leadership of Benin Bible Institute* as they prepare to adopt a new financial accounting software mandated by the government.

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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