

# Seeking Peace Together: Peace with Creation



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## Peacemakers Share the Bounty of the Earth

# Waterford Mennonite Church

November 17, 2024

Prelude		Ruthie Saunders
Gathering songs	<i>This Is the Day</i> <i>I Will Call Upon the Lord</i> <i>God of the Fertile Fields</i>	Nick Stoltzfus  VT 750
Welcome and Call to worship		Krista Daniels, Lacy Stoltzfus
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i> (Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
Song	<i>We Plow the Fields and Scatter</i>	VT 747
Children's Story	<i>God, Give Me Faith like a Child</i>	Mark & Krista Daniels, Revy VT 519
Scripture	Leviticus 23:39-43; Deuteronomy 16:13-15	
Sermon	"The Power of And"	Cindy Voth
Song of response	<i>God, Be the Love</i>	VT 43
Congregational prayer		Deron Bergstresser
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Seeds</i>	VT 777

*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 1st grade students *Matilda Graber-Ditzler, Katherine Snyder and Beckett Replogle* and their teachers *Anne Lehman, Amy Zoller, Jordan Kauffman and Karen Thompson*.

Freddy Barrón and Margrit Kipfer Barrón, who are serving with Mennonite Mission Network in Bolivia, request prayer *for all regions around the world experiencing a lack of rainfall* that is leading to devastating wildfires. Pray specifically for *Chiquitania, near Santa Cruz, Bolivia*, where fires are wiping out the world's largest remaining area of healthy dry forest ecosystems.

For the *Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers* as they gather for their annual fall retreat next Saturday.

We pray with Mennonite World Conference for *world leaders, decision-makers, civil society and all participants* gathered for COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan, through Thursday, as they look for ways to tackle the climate crisis.

*Pastor Katie and Laurina Graber-Ditzler*, Family Life Lay Ministry Partner, as they are at Camp Friedenswald this weekend with other local Mennonite pastors and leaders for a training retreat for a new curriculum on healthy relationships.

## **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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