

Seeking Peace Together: Peace with Creation



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Peacemakers Celebrate the Beauty of the Earth

Waterford Mennonite Church

November 24, 2024

Prelude		Deanna Beth Chupp
Gathering songs		Colleen Stoltzfus
	<i>As We Rise, O God, to Meet You</i>	VT 39
	<i>Could It Be that God Is Singing</i>	VT 42
	<i>Be Still and Know</i>	VT 37
Welcome and Call to worship		Merle & Mary Hochstedler
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Offering	“Thy Will Be Done”	Tessie Molina
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>	
Song	<i>Sing to the God of Harvest</i>	VT 122
Children’s Story		Mark & Krista Daniels, Revy
	<i>God, Give Me Faith like a Child</i>	VT 519
Readers Theatre	“Rejoicing with Creation”	
	(Isaiah 55:6-13)	Zoë Brown, Layna Stoltzfus
Sermon	“Come to the Water”	Deron Bergstresser
Song of response	<i>Light Dawns on a Weary World</i>	VT 205
Congregational prayer		Katie Misz
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>You Shall Go Out with Joy</i>	VT 847

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 Kindergarten students *Micah Gillette, Jamie Lehman* and *Leah Smeltzer* and their teachers *Anne Lehman, Amy Zoller, Jordan Kauffman* and *Karen Thompson*.

Pray for the *people of Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Honduras* who were affected by flooding, landslides, displacement or isolation and material losses from Tropical Storm Sara.

On Thanksgiving Day, *Joseph and Rachel Givens*, who are serving with Mennonite Mission Network, will continue a tradition of gathering the guests of Maria Skobtsova House and the other houses of refuge around Calais, France, for a meal. Pray that on this day, God's love will be shown, so that people fleeing violence may find community and people who are hungry may eat their fill.

Wildwood Mennonite Church welcomes prayers for their congregation as they search to do God's will as a tiny group in a rural setting.

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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