

Waterford Mennonite Church

Worship with Goshen College Parables

January 19, 2025

Prelude	Elvina Schmidt
Gathering songs	Vyron Schmidt
	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i> VT 716
	<i>As We Rise O God to Meet You</i> VT 39
Welcome & Call to worship	Gilberto Pérez, Jr
Lighting the peace lamp*	
Congregational prayer	Deron Bergstresser
Parables	“Building Bridges”
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)

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

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.

Prayers

Steve, Kristin, Nathaniel and Katherine Snyder as Steve has been hospitalized for an infection in his shoulder following shoulder surgery.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the *South American celebration of Anabaptism at 500*, taking place in Cusco, Peru. Pray that during these five days of worship, learning and fellowship, Anabaptists will experience renewed inspiration to carry their rich spiritual legacy into current contexts.

Please pray with *East Goshen Mennonite Church* as they seek God's guidance in embracing the theme "Looking Back, Living Forward," inspired by the *Anabaptism at 500* project, and as they continue to navigate the pastoral transition, seeking a pastor to work alongside Naomi.

Pray that the latest *Israel-Palestine ceasefire* agreement will be embraced by both sides and lead to a lasting peace.

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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