

Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Christ Collides with
Our Blinders**

Waterford Mennonite Church

April 6, 2025

Prelude	Anne Lehman	
Gathering songs	Bob Brenneman	
	<i>As We Rise, O God, to Meet You</i>	VT 39
	<i>Open My Eyes That I May See</i>	VT 738
	<i>Hold Us in Your Mercy</i>	VT 736
Welcome & Call to worship	Carla Miller, Katie Misz	
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Song	<i>Christ Has No Body Here but Ours</i>	VT 568
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>	
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance		
Children's time	Mark & Krista Daniels and Revy	
	<i>God, Give Me Faith like a Child (v.2)</i>	VT 519
Scripture	Luke 19:1-10	Karen Thompson
Sermon	"I Wonder Why"	Cindy Voth
Song of response	<i>You Are Salt for the Earth</i>	VT 297
Congregational prayer	Carla and Katie	
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>The Lord Bless You and Keep You</i>	VT 846

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

Birthdays this week:

David Leatherman will turn 92 on Monday, April 7,

Ruth Hollinger will celebrate her 92nd birthday on Friday, April 11.

Pray for God's grace and joy to be poured out on them. Join in their celebrations by signing a card for each one at the table in the foyer.

Pray for Mennonite World Conference's *eight member churches across India* who continue to share the gospel in their communities and beyond with gospel outreach, education, health care and church planting despite hostilities against Christian evangelism.

Our Senior Adults from the Laurels who are no longer able to worship with us: *Rebecca Ramer, Nelda Nussbaum.*

Ron & Esther Rose Graber as Ron continues on hospice care.

Michael Oyer, in his new capacity as Mennonite Mission Network's program director for Service Adventure, has just completed a three-day visit to the unit in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Pray for wisdom for the unit leaders, *Christian and Leigha Stoltzfus*, and a year of growing in faith for participants.

Lynda Hollinger-Janzen and *Janet Shoemaker* as they participate in the Indigenous Peoples Just Peace Pilgrimage in Washington state this week.

Kern Road Mennonite Church as they enter into a new phase of their transition with their newly appointed pastoral team of Teresa Dutchersmith and Sean Swanson.

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.

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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