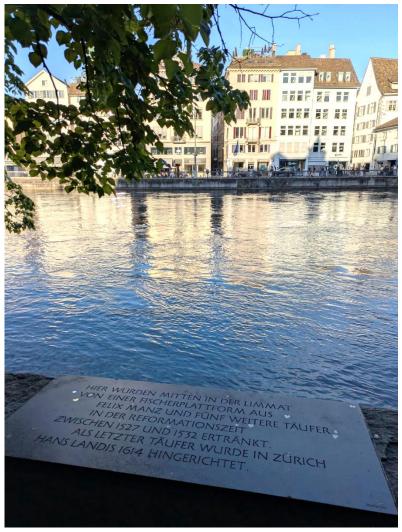
Courage to Love



River Limmat, Zurich, Switzerland

Photo: Denise Diener

Anabaptism at 500 Celebration in Europe

Waterford Mennonite Church

June 15, 2025

Prelude Lorraine Reinford

Gathering songs Joyce Bontrager

Praise God VT 70 O Lord My God VT 436

Welcome & Call to worship Jeremy Kauffman

Lighting the peace lamp*

Song Gilberto Pérez, Jr.

Cantai ao Senhor VT 113

Offering Please pass the friendship pads

(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)

Children's time Kay Miller, Camila Pérez Diener

God, Give Me Faith like a Child (v.3) VT 519

Scripture 1 John 4:7-21 Carolyn Chupp

Sharing Denise Diener, Sophia Kauffman,

Jeff Miller, Matthew Herrmann

Song of response Longing for Light VT 715

God's Work Among Us Sharing from IMMC** Delegates

Congregational prayer Cindy Voth

Benediction

Sending song When Peace like a River VT 617

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.

^{**}Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference

Prayers

Celebrating Birthdays:

Russ Hochstetler, who celebrates his 90th birthday on Thursday, June 19, *Eloise Schrock*, who celebrates her 98th birthday on Saturday, June 21, May God's grace and joy to be poured out on them. Join in their celebration by signing a card for them at the table in the foyer.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for *Angola*, which is experiencing a cholera epidemic. Join the Angolan Mennonite churches in praying, as they care for the sick and pray for healing.

Marvin and Rachel Yoder, who will celebrate their 64th wedding anniversary on June 16. Pray for them as they settle into their new apartment in Evergreen Place.

Pray that the Spirit of Christ would continue to sustain the *Mennonite church in Ukraine* who are faithfully serving their community through hardship as the war drags on. Pray for protection of the churches, leaders/pastors, members and citizens.

Those preparing to be received as new members at Waterford on June 29: *Phil Bender, Fernando Daza, Caryl Guth, Charleen and Willie Kanagy.*

For summer staff at Camp Amigo, including Waterford's *Colton and Shelby Eby, Em Hunsbaker, Daphcar Lehman, and Gretchen Bateman*.

Thank you to Jeff Miller for providing the portraits and books for this morning's visual.

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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