

# Creation



Lee, SaeJin, *Tree of Life*. 2018

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# Waterford Mennonite Church

July 6, 2025

Prelude	Lorraine Reinford	
Gathering songs	JD Smucker	
	<i>Morning Has Broken</i>	VT 495
	<i>At the Dawn of Your Creation</i>	VT 179
	<i>I Sing the Mighty Power of God</i>	VT 182
Welcome & Call to worship	Liz Gingrich	
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Offering	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
Blessing for MCUSA Convention goers		
Congregational prayer	Deron Bergstresser	
Song	<i>This Is God's Wondrous World</i>	VT 180
Scripture	Jeremiah 17:5-8	
Sermon	"Trust, Location and Fruit"	Cindy Voth
Song of response	<i>I Saw a Tree by the Riverside</i>	VT 514
Communion		
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>The Peace of the Earth</i>	VT 838

As we prepare ourselves in our relationships with others, with ourselves, and with God, today we share the bread and the cup. As did the early church (Acts 2:43-47), we will also collect offerings for the Sharing Fund. This fund benefits people in need within the congregation.

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

Prayers for residents of Greencroft courts, who are unable to join us for Sunday services: *AnnaMae Graybill* and *LaVera Ressler*.

*Piedra Viva Mennonite Church* as they seek guidance about their role in their community and how to support new immigrants in their midst.

*Rosina Litwiller*, who celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on today, July 6, for God's grace and joy to be poured out on her. Join in her celebration by signing a card for her at the table in the foyer.

*Lora Nafziger* and *Mitch Rhodes* serve as a counseling advisor and an expatriate coordinator, respectively, for United Mission to Nepal through Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for them as they support mission workers and build relationships with their Nepali neighbors.

*MYF, MYF Sponsors* and *Pastor Katie*, along with *WMC Delegates Len Harms, Cori Chupp, Eleanor Habecker*, and *Pastors Cindy and Deron* participating in Mennonite Church USA Convention this week in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Thank you to members of the Seekers class for preparing the elements for this morning's communion service.
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## 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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