Dwelling in the Word

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer: Thy Kingdom Come

Waterford Mennonite Church

August 24, 2025

Prelude John Zehr

Gathering songs JD Smucker

Here in This Place VT 10
Draw the Circle VT 802

Alabaré

Welcome & Call to worship Linda Short

Lighting the peace lamp*

The Lord's Prayer in Turkish Merle Hochstedler

Song Sing a New World into Being VT 809

Offering Please pass the friendship pads

(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)

Children's time Jerry Landes

Song God, Give Me Faith like a Child VT 519

Song Our God in Heaven VT 673

Scripture Matthew 6:10; Isaiah 58:6-12 Becky Gascho

Sermon "Creator's Plan: An Abundant Community" Luke Gascho

Song of Response Longing for Light VT 715

Congregational Prayer Deron Bergstresser

Benediction

Sending song Light Dawns on a Weary World VT 205

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

Arlen Ambler was hospitalized this week after a fall and treated for an infection. Pray for Arlen as he spends some time at Majestic Healthcare Center for recovery and rehabilitation.

Elmer Wyse had surgery for a leaky heart valve on Monday. Pray for Elmer as he recovers at home.

We pray with Mennonite World Conference for *peace in Malawi* as tensions are running high in anticipation of the general election in September.

Justin Gillette as he has a second outpatient surgery on his hand on Monday.

Gladys Mast, who celebrates her 97th birthday on Thursday, August 28. Gladys was recently enrolled in hospice care, and she continues to live in Healthcare at Greencroft. Pray for God's grace and joy to be poured out on Gladys and send her birthday greetings by signing a card for her at the table in the foyer.

Praise God for a *successful last minute appeal* to the 9th District Court of Appeals. The court has granted another reprieve on the land transfer of Oak Flat to Resolution Copper.

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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