

# 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:  
Forgive Us as We Forgive**

# Waterford Mennonite Church

September 7, 2025

Prelude	Lorraine Reinford
Gathering songs	Carolyn Kauffman
	<i>What Is This Place</i> VT 22
	<i>There's a Wideness in God's Mercy</i> VT 156
Welcome & Call to Worship	Sheldon Swartz
Lighting the peace lamp*	
	The Lord's Prayer in Bengali Neer Goswami
Song	<i>Will You Come and Follow Me</i> (v.1-3,5) VT 540
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)
Children's time	Bill Swartzendruber
	Song <i>God, Give Me Faith like a Child</i> (v.3) VT 519
Song	<i>Our Father, Who Art in Heaven</i> VT 674
Scripture	Matthew 6:9-12; 18:21-22
Sermon	"How Many Times?" Deron Bergstresser
Song of Response	<i>Beloved, God's Chosen</i> VT 164
Congregational Prayer	Cindy Voth
Benediction	
Sending song	<i>Go, My Children</i> (v. 1-2) VT 830

VT = Voices Together; SJ = *Sing the Journey*; SS = *Sing the Story*

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\*We light the peace lamp every Sunday to lament all unnecessary and violent loss of life around the world.

## Prayers

We remember this week our 12<sup>th</sup> grade students *Gretchen Bateman, Cori Chupp, Oliver Kauffman, Gideon Miller, Isaac Pfahler, Dominic Ramer and JoLee Stoltzfus*, and their teachers *Phil Habecker, Liz Habecker, Brent Beck, Dave Gingerich and Lorene Miller*.

For *Debbie Fath* and *Linda Short* as they have now begun their weekly Stephen Minister training sessions, hosted by Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship, until mid-February.

*Madeleine Kelly-Kellogg*, former WMC attender and Goshen College graduate, as she begins her new transition at Shalom Project in Lancaster.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the *Bokgoni Sporting Club*, in Francistown, Botswana, which offers young people an alternative to life on the streets by providing a healthy environment, training in life-skills and an opportunity to play sports.

For the family of *Jean Oyer* who passed away on Monday.

Prayers for our Senior Adults from Waterford Crossing and Hubbard Hill that are unable to attend Sunday Worship service: *Una Ross, Lenora Coyle, Elsie Yoder and Mildred Yoder*.

*Ann Arbor Mennonite Church* as they press on to reach new heights in their Christian journey.

*Thank you to Derrick and Sara Method for creating the worship visuals for our Dwelling in the Word series.*

## 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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