

The Book of James

Hearers and Listeners

Waterford Mennonite Church

October 5, 2025

Prelude	John Zehr	
Gathering songs	Bob Brenneman	
	<i>Holy God, We Praise Thy Name</i>	VT 126
	<i>Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices</i>	
	<i>Christ Is King! Let Earthly Powers</i>	VT 410
Welcome & Call to Worship	Fancheon Resler	
Worship Arts and Moment of Reflection		
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Song	<i>Will You Come and Follow Me</i>	VT 540
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>	
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
Congregational Prayer	Deron Bergstresser	
Drama	Be Listeners, Be Doers (from James 1:17-27)	
	Carl Westerbeck	
Sermon	Quick “Slow to Listen”	Cindy Voth
Moment of Reflection		
Song of Response	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i>	VT 740
Communion	Katie Misz	
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Heart with Loving Heart United</i>	VT 813

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. Ushers will have baskets available as we leave the sanctuary. 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

Those who are unable to attend Sunday services from Greencroft Healthcare: *Ruth Hollinger, Dave Leatherman, Carol Leinbach, and Eloise Schrock.*

WMC's Pastoral Team, Ministry Leadership Council, and Lay Ministry Partners as they have their *fall leadership retreat* on Saturday.

Today, *Mennonite Mission Network's Mennonite Voluntary Service units* bring closure to their five-day retreat, hosted by the Alamosa Colorado unit in Colorado. Pray that participants will return to their units renewed by this time of worship, mutual encouragement, learning and fun.

We remember this week our 8th grade students *Poppy Habecker, Jasper Method, Brynn Replogle and Thomas Voth*, and their teachers *Nick Stoltzfus, Rosanna Kauffmann, Doug Wengerd and Matthew Herrmann.*

Thank you to Loanne Harms for the visuals for this worship series on James and to Colin Berkey for providing the reflection music following the sermon.

Thank you to the Seekers class for preparing the elements for our Communion service today.

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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