

The Book of James



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Prayer and Praise

Waterford Mennonite Church

November 2, 2025

Prelude Anne Lehman

Gathering songs Colleen Stoltzfus
Morning Has Broken VT 495
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah VT 606
Be Still and Know VT 37

Welcome & Call to Worship Jim & Lila Gascho

Worship Arts and Moment of Reflection

Lighting the peace lamp*

Song *I Saw a Tree by the Riverside* VT 514

Offering *Please pass the friendship pads*
(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)

Children's time Mark & Krista Daniels, Revy
God, Give Me Faith Like a Child (v.1) VT 519

Drama "Time to Pray"
Gretchen Bateman, Dwight Kauffman, Len Harms,
Josh Himelick, Catie Kauffman, Veronica Berkey

Scripture James 5:13-20

Sermon "Love Covers Sin" Deron Bergstresser

Moment of Reflection

Song of Response *Help Us to Help Each Other* VT 722

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Sending song *Guide My Feet* VT 816

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

We remember this week our 4th grade students *Max Gillette, Charlie Lehman, Nathaniel Snyder* and *Javier Stoltzfus*, and their teachers *Jordan Smeltzer, Laurina Graber-Ditzler, Mary Hochstedler* and *Paquita Ditzler*.

We pray with Mennonite World Conference for *Christians in Angola* as their freedom of worship is under threat as churches are being closed by the State. May the Lord strengthen the church, give wisdom to their leaders, and keep them firm in the faith.

For the 41.7 million Americans facing food insecurity this month as SNAP benefits are suspended during the government shutdown.

For struggling families within *Fairhaven Mennonite Church and Familia de Fe*, two congregations that meet and worship in the same building in Fort Wayne.

Pray for *church members in Ecuador* living in times of great uncertainty and violence. Pray for their protection, as they respond with faith and integrity, naming and resisting the forces of fear and apathy. And pray for *Delicia Bravo Aguilar and Peter Wigginton*, serving with Mennonite Mission Network as they walk alongside them.

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.

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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