

Dwelling in Dissonance

Lent 5

Complicity and Innocence

Waterford Mennonite Church

March 22, 2026

Prelude Elvina Schmidt

Gathering songs Vyron Schmidt

Let's Walk Together VT 6

Longing for Light (v. 1,2,5) VT 715

Rain, Come Down VT 634

Welcome & Call to worship Shelby Eby, Layna Stoltzfus

Lighting the peace lamp*

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

Prayer of Confession

Special music "God Gives His People Strength" Women's Octet**

Children's time Fancheon Resler

Song *God, Give Me Faith like a Child (v.1)* VT 519

Drama "A Religious Leader's Truth" Nick Stoltzfus
(Inspired by John 19:1-16a)

Sermon Cindy Voth

Song of response *Spirit, Open My Heart* VT 636

Congregational prayer Deron Bergstresser

Benediction

Sending song *Everlasting God, On You I Call* VT 630

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.

**Karen Albrecht, Joyce Bontrager, Rachel Brenneman, Susan Gingerich, Rachael Hochstedler, Carolyn Kauffman, Barb Landes, Velma Swartz

Prayers

Praise God with *Colleen and Pablo Fast*, who serve in Brazil with Mennonite Mission Network, as the churches they work with are experiencing a time of growth in numbers and new church plants.

For *Apache Stronghold* after the loss of their case in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals to protect their traditional ceremonial land at Oak Flat from complete destruction by copper mining.

For *North Goshen Mennonite Church* as they experience renewed energy in worship and shared leadership, for God at work in growing collaboration with neighboring congregations, and for deepening trust and mutual care shaping their life together.

Thank you to Loanne Harms for creating the worship visuals for this season of Lent.

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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