

Dwelling in Dissonance

Lent 3



Icon of Peter's threefold denial in St. Peter Gallicantu, Jerusalem.

Standing up and Standing Back

Waterford Mennonite Church

March 8, 2026

Prelude		Shelby Eby
Gathering songs		Worship Band
	<i>Here on Christ the Rock</i>	VT 159
	<i>There's a Wideness in God's Mercy</i>	VT 156
	<i>In Words of Truth</i>	VT 148
Welcome & Call to worship	Brent Beck, Liam Wyse-Fisher	
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>	
	(Gifts are for Mennonite Education unless designated otherwise)	
Prayer of Confession		
Special Music	"My Soul Cries Out"	MYF
Children's time	Vernard Guengerich	
Song	<i>God, Give Me Faith like a Child (v.2)</i>	VT 519
Drama	"Peter's Monologue" (John 18:12-27)	Philip Bender
Sermon	Cindy Voth	
Song of Response	<i>Spirit, Open My Heart</i>	VT 636
Congregational Prayer	Katie Misz	
Benediction		
Sending Song	<i>Don't Be Afraid</i>	VT 596

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

Virginia Hershberger, who celebrates her 96th birthday on Sunday, March 8, for God's grace and joy to be poured out on her. Join in her celebration by signing a card for her at the table in the foyer.

On this *International Women's Day*, pray that women across the street and around the world feel empowered to live out their faith in meaningful ways, despite any negative pressures they may feel from the patriarchal systems in their communities, homes, churches and countries.

We pray for our WMC delegates who will attend the Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference Spring Summit this coming Saturday: *Helen Bowman, Aaron Lehman, and Dan Stoltzfus*.

We lament and renounce the unnecessary death and destruction brought on the Middle East by another war based on lies and half-truths. We pray for all the people of the region, and for an end to the perpetual wars that claim the lives of God's children.

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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