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Outward-Facing Sabbath

Waterford Mennonite Church

August 2, 2026

Prelude Elvina Schmidt

Gathering songs Vyron Schmidt

See Whose Glory Fills the Skies (v. 1,3,4) VT 274

Be Thou My Vision (v. 1,2,5) VT 549

God Who Touches Earth (v. 1-4) VT 550

Welcome & Call to worship Ursula Hess

Lighting the peace lamp*

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

Song *We Are One in the Spirit* VT 387

Children's time Vernard Guengerich

Song *God, Give Me Faith like a Child* (v.2) VT 519

Scripture Matthew 12:9-12; Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Micah 4:1-4

Sermon Monica Miller**
"The Outward-Facing Sabbath: Prerequisites for the Right to Rest"

Song of Response *Sing a New World into Being* (v. 1-3) VT 809

Congregational Prayer Katie Misz

Benediction

Sending Song *Go, My Friends, in Peace* VT 839

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

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

**Monica Miller (she/her) is proudly disabled. Among other things, she is an ordained minister in Mennonite Church USA.

Prayers

We celebrate:

Ariana Perez Diener and Sam Lasiti's wedding ceremony yesterday in Kenya.

John Wenger's 92nd birthday on Friday, August 7, for God's grace and joy to be poured out on him. Join in his celebration by signing a card for him at the table in the foyer.

Ed & Sharon Swartzendruber's 64th wedding anniversary on August 3.

We pray for comfort for:

Glen Horner in rehab at Hubbard Hill after a brief hospitalization.

The *family of Loren Stauffer*, as they grieve his death and celebrate his life.

Residents of Greencroft courts who are unable to join us for Sunday services: *AnnaMae Graybill* and *LaVera Ressler*.

Pray for *Pastor Deron* as he spends time in prayer and study during Sabbatical. This month he will participate in The Journey of Growth Workshop with the Enneagram Institute (via Zoom). Annette and Deron also plan intentional time with their kids as they move into College, and the "empty nest" begins.

For *Joseph and Rachel Givens* with Mission Network, as they transition away from working at the Maria Skobtsova House and begin work with new partners in the Calais, France, area.

Please pray for *Pastor Jeremiah Chuiha* of Emmanuel Living Christian Church in Indianapolis as he waits for his US green card and travel documents, and for his wife as she goes through her Canadian Permanent Resident application.

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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