

Learning and Growing

Waterford Mennonite Church

August 16, 2026

Prelude	Deanna Beth Chupp
Gathering songs	Jeff Miller
	<i>God Welcomes All (Part A)</i> VT 32
	<i>We Dream of a Turning</i> VT 209
	<i>Alleluia</i> VT 650
Welcome & Call to worship	Rachel Stoltzfus, Javi Stoltzfus
Lighting the peace lamp*	
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i> (Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)
Song	<i>The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound</i> VT 392
Presentation of Bibles	Laurina Graber-Ditzler, Katie Misz
Scripture	Luke 2:41-52
Sermon	Katie Misz
Song of Response	<i>I'm Gonna Sing when the Spirit Says Sing</i>
Congregational Prayer	Amanda Stoltzfus
Benediction	
Sending Song	<i>Go Now in Peace, Worship Continues</i> VT 829

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.

Prayers

Jim Christophel, who celebrates his 94th birthday on Friday, August 21, 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.

For *Karen and Bob Albrecht, Anne, Aaron, Charlie and Jamie Lehman* following the death of Karen's mother and Anne's grandmother, Grace Miller, who died Monday.

Pray for those in the Chocó region of *Colombia* and in Cali who have lost loved ones, homes, and livelihoods from the earthquake, and for the new government to know how to respond to the needs of those affected.

For *all participating in the Baptism class* as they prepare for baptism on September 13.

For *Ministry Leadership Council* and *Lay Ministry Partners* meeting together on Monday evening.

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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