



Benin Youth Learning Tour

Waterford Mennonite Church

August 23, 2026

Prelude** Anne Lehman

Gathering songs Nick Stoltzfus
Guide My Feet VT 816
Draw the Circle VT 802
Je louerai l'Éternel VT 131

Welcome & Call to worship Ethan Claassen, Cindy Voth

Lighting the peace lamp* Noah Sanchez, Lynda Hollinger-Janzen

Song *My Soul Cries Out* VT 412

Offering Miles Gillette, Melissa Gillette
(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)
Please pass the friendship pads

Children's time Lacy Stoltzfus, Hannah Claassen, Becky Bateman
Song *God, Give Me Faith like a Child (v.1)* VT 519

Scripture Revelation 7:9-12 Liam Wyse-Fisher,
Rod Hollinger-Janzen

Panel Matt Bateman, facilitator
Part 1: Cori Chupp, Susanna Stutzman
Video Shawn Stutzman
Part 2: Lucas Bateman, Gretchen Bateman, Thomas Voth

Song of Response *Merci, Merci, Seigneur*

Congregational Prayer Cindy Voth

Sending song *You Shall Go Out with Joy* VT 847

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.

**Prelude and Offertory slideshows compiled by Dominic Ramer.

Prayers

For *Rosina Litwiller* who is in rehab at Greencroft.

Mission Network workers, *Christy Harrison, Peter Sensenig, and their three children*, as they relocate from Montbéliard, Calais, France, to Beirut, Lebanon, this month, their second move to a new continent in under two years.

The Board of Benin Bible Institute as they continue to discern next steps for the institution.

For *First Mennonite Church* in Indianapolis as they work at strengthening discipleship and membership, deepening their ministry with immigrants, and nurturing the next generation of faithful leaders.

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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