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Waterford Mennonite Church

Fruit of the Spirit: Love

September 27, 2026

Prelude	Anne Lehman
Gathering songs	Deanna Beth Chupp
	<i>Come, We That Love the Lord</i> VT 31
	<i>Gott ist die Liebe</i> VT 158
	<i>In Christ Alone</i> VT 332
Welcome & Call to worship	Katie Misz, JoLee Stoltzfus
Lighting the peace lamp*	
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i> (Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)
God's Work Among Us	Kay Miller, Stephen Ministry
Children's Time	Jerry Landes
	<i>God, Give Me Faith like a Child (v. 3)</i> VT 519
Song	<i>The Fruit of the Spirit's Not a Coconut</i>
Scripture	Matthew 5:43-48; Luke 10:25-37
Sermon	"Living a Different Kind of Story" Cindy Voth
Song of Response	<i>Heart with Loving Heart United</i> VT 813
Prayer Practice	Loanne Harms
Congregational Prayer	
Benediction	
Sending song	<i>We Are One in the Spirit</i> VT 387

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.

Today we will be collecting gifts for the Reparations-Inspired Fund of Elkhart County. Checks should be written to Waterford Mennonite Church with “Reparations Fund” in the memo line. Baskets will be available at the exits after the service.

Prayers

We remember this week our 9th grade students *Poppy Habecker, Jasper Method, Brynn Replogle* and *Thomas Voth*, and their fall teachers *Phil Habecker* and *Liz Habecker*.

For *Pastor Deron* as he returns on Tuesday from his Sabbatical.

Pray that the *participants from Eden Mennonite Church*, in Moundridge, Kansas, on the Civil Rights Just Peace Pilgrimage this week, will be inspired to enact change in their own communities as they travel through the southern U.S., learning about racism and the Civil Rights Movement.

Chaplain for Senior Adults *Ursula Hess* as she participates this week in a three-day workshop for chaplains at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

For *Leif Billings* and *Sam Stoltzfus*, daughter of Dan and Ang Stoltzfus, as they will be married on Saturday, and for *Pastor Katie* as she officiates the service.

For members of *Hudson Lake Mennonite Church*, that they will continue to see God at work in and around Hudson Lake and their communities.

For *ourselves and our faith community* to recognize the ways we have contributed to oppression of others, intentionally or unawares. Teach us repentance and help us enact meaningful reparations.

Thank you to Jordan Graber Kauffman for providing the cover art for today's bulletin.

Thak you to Loanne Harms for the visual worship arts for this series and for assembling the kits for the “Fruit of the Spirit Keychains.”

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.

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.

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