

kindness

Waterford Mennonite Church

Fruit of the Spirit: Kindness

October 25, 2026

Prelude Shelby Eby

Gathering songs Worship Ensemble
For the Beauty of the Earth VT 120
Praise with Joy the World's Creator VT 428
Will You Let Me Be Your Servant VT 778

Welcome & Call to worship Rod Hollinger-Janzen, Miles Gillette

Lighting the peace lamp*

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

Children's time Helen Bowman
Song *God, Give Me Faith like a Child (v.3)* VT 519

Song *The Fruit of the Spirit's Not a Coconut*

Scripture Matthew 13:33; 14:13-21

Sermon "A Small Offering" Cindy Voth

Song of response *What Does the Lord Require of You?* VT 207

Blessing for Karen Hostetler Katie Misz

Congregational prayer

Benediction

Sending song *Christ Has No Body Here but Ours* VT 568

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

We remember this week our 5th grade students *Max Gillette, Charlie Lehman, Susannah Schmucker* and *Javier Stoltzfus*, and their teachers *Marge Gingerich, Ben Hochstedler, Mary Hochstedler* and *Paquita Ditzler*.

For *Bob Hochstedler*, as he recovers from a heart catheterization procedure performed on Thursday.

Today we will be collecting gifts for the *Reparations-Inspired Fund of Elkhart County*. This fund is one way to respond to the numerous ways in which wealth has been extracted from people of color to the benefit of primarily white people. Baskets will be made available at the sanctuary exits. *Checks should be written to WMC with “Reparations Fund” in the memo line.*

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

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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