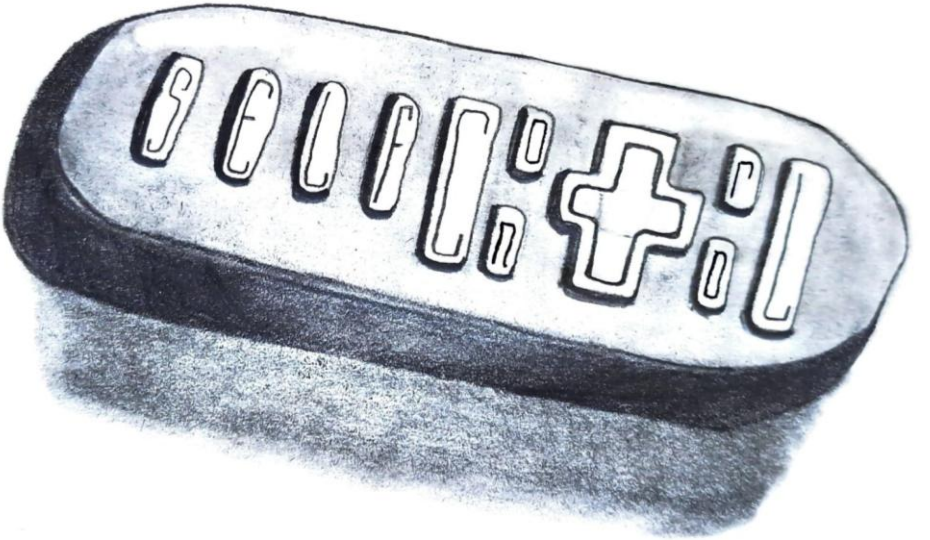

Waterford Mennonite Church
Fruit of the Spirit: Self-Control

November 22, 2026

Prelude		Lorraine Reinford
Gathering songs		Bob Brenneman
	Holy Spirit, Come with Power	VT 57
	How Firm a Foundation	VT 592
Welcome & Call to worship		Velma Swartz
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Offering	*Please pass the friendship pads*	
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
God's Faithfulness		
Song	*Great Is Thy Faithfulness (v.1)*	VT 419
Video 1	Esther Rose Graber	
Song	*Great Is Thy Faithfulness (v.2)*	VT 419
Video 2	Wilmer Hollinger	
Song	*Great Is Thy Faithfulness (v.3)*	VT 419
Scripture	Matthew 7:24-27	
Song	*The Fruit of the Spirit's not a Coconut*	
Fruit of the Spirit Panel		Deron Bergstresser, facilitator; Arnold Roth, Char Kanagy, Ed Swartzendruber, Elizabeth Stauffer, Ursula Hess
Song of response	*My Hope Is Built*	VT 621
Congregational prayer		Ursula Hess
Benediction		
Sending song	*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*	VT 846

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 1st grade students *Felix Weaver Martens and Amelia Romão*, and their teachers *Shelley Kauffman, Anne Lehman, Jordan Kauffman and Karen Thompson*.

For *Shane Graber, Jama, Levi and Joel Graber* as Shane has been hospitalized due to blood clots.

For the *Benin Bible Institute Board* working toward changes in leadership.

Thank you to Em Hunsbaker for designing the cover of today's bulletin.

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.*

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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