
FAITHFULNESS

# Waterford Mennonite Church

# Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness

November 8, 2026

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| Prelude | | Ruthie Saunders |
| Gathering songs | | Neer Goswami, Lacy Stoltzfus |
| | *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing* | VT 7 |
| | *Let Us Build a House* | VT 36 |
| | *Rain Down* | VT 703 |
| Welcome & Call to worship | | Deron Bergstresser |
| Lighting the peace lamp* | | |
| Offering | *Please pass the friendship pads* | |
| | (Gifts are for Mennonite Ed unless designated otherwise) | |
| Children's time | | Fancheon Resler |
| Song | *God, Give Me Faith Like a Child* | VT 591 |
| Song | *The Fruit of the Spirit's not a Coconut* | |
| Scripture | Matthew 15:21-28 | |
| Sermon | "The Woman Who Changed Jesus' Mind" | Drew Strait** |
| Song of response | *There Is in Every Person* | VT 751 |
| Congregational prayer | | |
| Benediction | | |
| Sending song | *My Life Flows On* | VT 605 |

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.

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## Prayers

We remember this week our 3rd grade students *Matilda Graber-Ditzler* and *Beckett Replogle,* and their teachers *Marge Gingerich, Ben Hochstedler, Mary Hochstedler* and *Paquita Ditzler.*

For *Pastor Katie* spending this week in Pennsylvania to participate in "Waging Peace: A Militarism Summit" and the Mennonite Action national leadership retreat.

For the *Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers* as they gather for their annual fall retreat next Saturday.

## 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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