

Waterford Mennonite Church

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

September 10, 2017

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.

Lament: A Catalyst for Hope

Hope

Prelude		Ruthie Saunders
Welcome and call to worship		Debbie and Steve Fath
Gathering songs		Josh Tyson
	<i>The love of God</i>	SJ 44
	<i>O Love of God</i>	H 326
Drama	The Weight of the World	Jo Ward-Selman,
	Laurina Graber-Ditzler, Christa Graber Kauffman, Melanie Hire	
Congregational songs	<i>The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases</i>	
	<i>Lift every voice and sing</i>	H 579
Story of Lament and Hope		Rick & Joy Yoder
Offering	God Will Make a Way	Lola Gingerich and Jerry Albrecht
	(Gifts are for Mennonite Education unless designated otherwise)	
	<i>Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.</i>	
Children's time		Bill Swartzendruber
Scripture	Lamentations 3:19-27	
Sermon	"The Wounded Healer"	Katie Misz
Anointing wounded healers	Even If	Ruthie Saunders
Congregational prayers		Neil Amstutz

Benediction

Sending Song

Beyond a dying sun

H 323

H = *Hymnal: A Worship Book*; SJ = *Sing the Journey*; SS = *Sing the Story*

*We light the peace lamp every Sunday to lament all unnecessary and violent loss of life around the world.

Living Stream Worship: The services are live streamed at www.waterfordchurch.org

Prayers for Brothers and Sisters

Gratefulness for interaction with College Mennonite Church and Berkey Ave. Fellowship as we relate together in the training of new Stephen Ministers.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for *Mennonite Church Nigeria's youth* who will begin gathering Wednesday for their five-day national camp. Pray for Psalmist Ekpedeme Jackson, their president, as he leads the young people in worship, Bible study, training in peacebuilding and reconciliation, and in business development principles.

Members of Bridgebuilders Class and their children who are on camping retreat this weekend at Amigo Centre.

Our congregation as we spend time this month reflecting and dreaming as we move toward a new directional statement.

Those in the path of *Hurricane Irma's destruction* in the Caribbean and Florida.

Those suffering damage, loss and health problems as a result of wildfires throughout the western states.

Special thanks to Karen Hostetler for creating the costumes for this morning's drama.

Welcome Guests

Large print copies of the bulletin and the hymnal and hearing aid systems are available from the ushers. Sermon boards for children are available at the back door; please pick one up as you enter. You are invited to bring infants through age two children to the nursery. Pick up the newsletter, *Buzz*, from the welcome kiosk in the foyer.

Lamentations 3:1-3, 19-45

I am one who has seen affliction under the rod of God's wrath; ²he has driven and brought me into darkness without any light; ³against me alone he turns his hand, again and again, all day long.

¹⁹The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! ²⁰My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me.

²¹But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: ²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; ²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” ²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. ²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. ²⁷It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, ²⁸to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, ²⁹to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), ³⁰to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults. ³¹For the Lord will not reject forever. ³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; ³³for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone. ³⁴When all the prisoners of the land are crushed under foot, ³⁵when human rights are perverted in the presence of the Most High, ³⁶when one's case is subverted—does the Lord not see it?

³⁷Who can command and have it done, if the Lord has not ordained it? ³⁸Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that good and bad come? ³⁹Why should any who draw breath complain about the punishment of their sins? ⁴⁰Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the LORD. ⁴¹Let us lift up our hearts as well as our hands to God in heaven.

⁴²We have transgressed and rebelled, and you have not forgiven. ⁴³You have wrapped yourself with anger and pursued us, killing without pity; ⁴⁴you have wrapped yourself with a cloud so that no prayer can pass through. ⁴⁵You have made us filth and rubbish among the peoples.

Today

8:00/10:45 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Coffee and fellowship
9:30 a.m. Nurture hour—classes for all ages
7:00 p.m. Ecuador prayers/Room 15

Welcome Team

Greeter/Hosts Maurice & Carol Lehman; Sheldon Swartz
Ushers Ken Otto, Lowell Stoltzfus, Dennis Myers (1st);
Joanna Yoder, Byron Yoder, Wade Ramer (2nd)
Nursery Melissa and Maddie Chupp (1st); Rachel Brenneman, Lori Judson (2nd)
Audiovisual Colin Berkey, Karen Sommers, Felix Perez Diener

