



SEEKING PEACE TOGETHER

Peace With Others:

Elisha and the Soldiers

Peacemakers eat with their enemies

August 6, 2023

OPENING TO GOD'S PRESENCE

The chime is rung as a call to worship, to set aside distractions to find rest in God, who invites us here.

Prelude

Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come from the chaos of the world,

Many: **seeking to be centered in God.**

One: We come from the confusion of the world,

Many: **seeking the truth of God.**

One: We come from the foolishness of the world,

Many: **seeking the wisdom of God.**

One: We come from the hunger of the world,

Many: **seeking the nourishment of God.**

One: We come from the violence of the world,

Many: **seeking the peace of God.**

One: We gather together now, with God and with each other.

Many: **May God bless our time of worship.**

Prayer (from 1 Corinthians 1:25)

HYMN *Come, Let Us All Unite To Sing* VT 7
Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

SEEKING GOD'S PEACE

HYMN *Come, Gracious Spirit* VT 371
Peace Essay & Lighting of the Peace Lamp

TELLING GOD'S STORY

Scripture Reading *2 Kings 6:8-23*

Children's Time

HYMN *Don't Be Afraid* VT 596

Meditation & Prayer Practice - *Praying for the World*
Music for Meditation

SHARING OUR STORIES

Farewell for Nick, Cathia, Duncan and Bailey Krehbiel

Blessing - VT 962

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer
Announcements

LIVING GODS' STORY

HYMN *We, Your People, Sing Your Praises* VT 849

Benediction

Postlude ... *receive the postlude as a musical blessing.*

Summer Worship Series - *Seeking Peace Together*: written by Joanna Harader from Peace Mennonite in Lawrence, KS (a sister church in Western District Conference). Published by MennoMedia.

Welcome!

We are so glad you all are here!!

The Christ Candle and Peace Lamp are lit each Sunday as a visible sign of our trust in God's presence-with-us, and our commitment to allow the peace of Christ to grow and rule in our hearts, minds and lives.

Your offerings are received, with gratitude, in the offering box on the table at the back of the sanctuary. You can also now donate electronically on our website.

Thank you for your generosity shown in many ways!

Sound: Earl Ediger
Livestream: Jonathan Wenger
Nursery Attendant: Julie Esau
Ushers: Dennis & Jennalee Boggs
Pianist: Peggy Stucky
Worship Leader: Delon Martens
Children's Time: DeAnna Goering
Peace Essay: Sadie Nisly
Scripture Reader: Cathia Krehbiel
Meditation: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger
Song Leader: Magdalena Wenger

TODAY: Join us for fellowship time today in celebrating Delon and Joretta's 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

Sunday School for preschool-grade 6 and Youth begins at 11:00am.

"Thank You" pancake breakfast hosted by Magdalena Wenger and family will be served Sunday, August 13, 8-9:15am, in appreciation for the congregation's support of her college education and her upcoming MVS term. Watch for details in your email.

MCC School Kits – place your donations of school supplies into the blue bin in the foyer. Deadline is September 3. Monetary contributions are also accepted – designated for MCC school kits.

LightHouse is inviting donations of laundry soap (pods), games and puzzles, small kitchen appliances, and art/craft supplies in addition to shelf-stable food pantry items. Place your donations in the basket.

Mennonite Friendship Communities (mfc) is hosting their annual community worship service **this evening** at 6:30pm. This year also marks *mfc's* 50th anniversary. Join us for worship and the ice cream social to follow. Bring a lawn chair.

Anabaptist World subscription (\$39/year) orders due by August 22.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

August 13 – Back to School Blessing of the Backpacks

August 27 – Celebration of Communion in Worship

October 29 – FMC's Budget Meeting

December 3 – FMC'S Annual Meeting



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