

Waterloo North Mennonite Church

Sunday, July 9, 2017 9:30AM

Gathering Hymns:

StJ (green) #3 *Jesus calls us here to meet him (vs 1-3)*

HWB (blue) #166 *I'll praise my Maker (vs 1-3)*

Welcome, Introduction, Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Invocation:

Leader: We enter your presence Eternal God, Creator of all life.

People: We enter your presence Jesus Christ, the Way of Abundant Life.

Leader: Be present with us Holy Spirit, inspire our daily living.

**All: To the one true God, eternally three in one,
be praise in all times and places,
through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession:

Leader: God of boundless Eternity, God of graceful New Beginnings
God who lived with us in Jesus,

People: Our faith is uncertain, our conviction is weak. (HWB #703)

**But our fears are constant,
our anxieties have strong hold on us.**

We are anxious about the future of the earth,

We are anxious about the future of our children.

We fear for our security; we fear "the Other".

We fear the loss of the good things in this life we have built.

(see Lk 12:18-19)

We go through life fearing its end in death.

Save us O God! Help our unbelief!

(Mk 9:24)

Silence

Words of Assurance:

Leader: God says "I will heal your disloyalty and love you freely. (Hos 14:4)

Jesus said "Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid." (Mt 14:27)

Response to Assurance:

People: Therefore, if God is for us who can assail against us? (Rm 8:31)

**In Christ we have been given new hope and new life, and to this
newness of life we commit ourselves. Amen. (WNMC Covenant)**

Hymn StJ (green) #106 *Just a closer walk with thee*

Congregational Prayer

Hymn HWB (blue) #574 *What a friend we have in Jesus*

Offering

Children's time

Scripture reading Psalm 145:8-14, Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Hymn HWB (blue) #493 *I heard the voice of Jesus say*

Sermon "The cost of peace"

Hymn HWB (blue) #336 *When peace like a river*

Benediction

Leading Us in Worship

Pianist	Marie Burkholder
Song Leader	Peggy Snyder
Worship Leader	Karen Cressman Anderson
Children's Time	Karen Cressman Anderson
Congregational Prayer	Ralph Brubacher
Scripture Reader	John Cornies
Preacher	Gordon Allaby
Ushers	Marg Koop
Sound	Kevin Lanctot

With gratitude and respect, we recognize that we are worshipping on the traditional land that once belonged to the Haudenosaunee and Anishnaabe peoples. We regret the lack of respect given to the Indigenous people in the past, and pledge to work for justice and reconciliation.

Head sets are available, from the ushers, for hearing assistance.

Information Sheets with church news and activities are available on table in foyer for those who do not receive them electronically.

Offering. For those who contribute electronically, offering cards are available or use loose change/cash so that you can participate in the giving of offering worship experience.

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Welcome Visitors: We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning. If you would like to learn more about our church and our ministries, including our care groups, education opportunities, seniors group or youth groups, and if you'd like to be added to our email list, please contact the church office or Gordon.

At Waterloo North Mennonite Church we welcome all people to participate fully in our Christian community of faith with all its expectations, responsibilities, and opportunities regardless of personal characteristics such as race, ethnic background, age, gender and gender identity, sexual orientation, income, or education.

Psalm 145:8-14 NRSV (New Revised Standard Version)

- ⁸ The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹ The LORD is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.
- ¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your faithful shall bless you.
- ¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,
- ¹² to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.
- ¹⁴ The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 NRSV (New Revised Standard Version)

¹⁶ “But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”