

Waterloo North Mennonite Church

Sunday, August 6, 2017 9:30AM

Gathering Hymns:

StJ (green) #16

Praise with joy the world's Creator

HWB (blue) #16

God is here among us

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 HWB (blue) #5 *There is a place of quiet rest*

Children's time

Congregational Prayer

Scripture Genesis 32:22-31
 Luke 11: 5-13

Hymn HWB (blue) #20 *Come and see*

Sermon "Wrestling with God"

Hymn of Response HWB (blue) #545 *Be thou my vision*

Offering

Hymn of Sending HWB (blue) #546 *Guide my feet*

Benediction

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.

Childcare (infants to age 4): The nursery is located outside the sanctuary. Ushers can direct you. Staffed childcare resumes in the Fall.

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.

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

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 one of the ministers.

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.

Genesis 32:22-31 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

²² The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

²⁴ Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But

Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said,

"You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my

name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved."

³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Luke 11: 5-13 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁵ And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread;

⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.'

⁷ And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if

your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil,

know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"