

Waterloo North Mennonite Church

Sunday, August 13, 2017 9:30 a.m.

For reflection: " And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly,
love mercy and walk humbly with your God." *Micah 6:8*

Gathering Hymns:

StJ (green) #1 *We sing to you, O God*
StJ (green) #17 *Halle, halle, hallelujah!*

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) #575 *Precious Lord, take my hand*

Children's time

Hymn HWB (blue) #294 *Dona nobis pacem Domine*

Congregational Prayer

Scripture Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33 (*see last page*)

Litany refrain: *How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news.*

Meditation Stories of "Beautiful Feet"

Hymn of Response HWB (blue) #506 *I sought the Lord*

Offering

Benediction

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

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 for hearing assistance are available from the ushers.

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 on the foyer table 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.

Romans 10:5-15 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Matthew 14:22-33 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”

³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”