

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, September 17, 2017 9:30 a.m.

Gathering Hymns

Hymn HWB (blue) #56 Awake, arise, O sing a new song
Hymn STJ (green) #28 We worship God the Rock

Introductions and Announcements, Words of Welcome

Chimes and Time of Silence

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

Hymn HWB (blue) #162 The God of Abraham praise

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: We trust in our God who was, and is, and is to be.

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) #130 O God of mystery and might

Psalm 62 - Psalms for Praying, An Invitation to Wholeness (Nan C. Merrill)

Children's Time

Congregational Prayer

Psalm 62 - The Message and NRSV

Sermon "Waiting and Relationship"

Hymn of Response STS (purple) #49 I will come to you in the silence

Offering

Hymn of sending STS (purple) #124 My soul cries out

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 for hearing assistance are available from the ushers.

Childcare (infants to age 4): The nursery is located next to the sanctuary. Infant change table is located in washroom next to nursery. Ushers can direct you. Staffed childcare will be available during the 10:45 a.m. service beginning September 24th.

Children's Worship Binder, an instrument to help children through the worship service, is available by the sanctuary entrance.

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 in the 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.

Psalm 62 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

- ¹ For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from him comes my salvation.
- ² He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall never be shaken.
- ³ How long will you assail a person,
will you batter your victim, all of you,
as you would a leaning wall, a tottering fence?
- ⁴ Their only plan is to bring down a person of prominence.
They take pleasure in falsehood;
they bless with their mouths,
but inwardly they curse. *Selah*
- ⁵ For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from him.
- ⁶ He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
- ⁷ On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.
- ⁸ Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us. *Selah*
- ⁹ Those of low estate are but a breath,
those of high estate are a delusion;
in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter than a breath.
- ¹⁰ Put no confidence in extortion,
and set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.
- ¹¹ Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God,
¹² and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.
For you repay to all
according to their work.