

**Waterloo North Mennonite Church**  
**Peace Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:45 a.m.**  
**Praying for Peace**

**Gathering Hymn** STJ (green) #15 *Santo (Holy)*

Welcome and Announcements

Staff appreciation

**Call to Worship**

Leader: The earth shakes, the mountains quake—tempting our hearts to fear.

**People: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

Leader: Storms rage, winds swirl—destroying schools, hospitals, homes.

**People: Still, God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

Leader: Violence comes to light in our communities and violence continues around the world—causing us to wonder if our prayers for peace are futile.

**People: Yet God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

Leader: For those mourning and rebuilding after the storms,

**People: God is our refuge.**

Leader: For those living in fear of their neighbors,

**People: God is our strength.**

Leader: For those dreading the hiss of a drone-fired missile,

**People: God is present.**

Leader: For the distraught and displaced and dismembered in Syria, Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere,

**People: God is a very present help in trouble.**

Leader: Therefore, we will not fear.

**All: *Therefore, we will lay down our weapons and worship our God.\****

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\*written by Joanna Harader, and posted on **Spacious Faith**.

Children's Time

### **Prayers for Africa**

The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo)  
East Africa

**Hymn** STS (purple) #15 *Hope is a candle*

**Hymn** STJ (green) #57 *Mayenziwe (Your will be done)*

### **Prayers for Asia**

Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK/North Korea)  
and Republic of Korea (ROK/South Korea)

Myanmar (Burma)

Vietnam

**Hymn** HWB (blue) #354 *Fount of love, our Savior God*

**Hymn** HWB (blue) #368 *O God of love, O Power of peace*

### **Prayers for Europe and the Middle East**

Palestine and Israel

Syria and Iraq

**Song:** *Shalom My Friends*

**Hymn** HWB (blue) #370 *O day of God, draw nigh*

### **Prayers for Latin America and the Caribbean**

Latin America and the Caribbean

Bolivia

**Hymn** HWB (blue) #358 *Oyenos, mi Dios*

**Hymn** STS (purple) #115 *Beauty for brokenness*

### **Prayers for Canada**

Canada

**Hymn** HWB (blue) #78 *Ehane he'ama (Father God, you are holy)*

**Hymn** STJ (green) #98 *All will be well*

Congregational Prayer

Offering

**Hymn** HWB (blue) #64 *Asithi: Amen (Sing amen)*

Benediction

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***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.***

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**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.

**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.***