



The Tower of Babel



Waterloo North Mennonite Church
October 22, 2017 10:45 a.m.

Gathering to Worship

Lighting the Christ Candle

Gathering Songs

Hallelujah (Praise Ye the Lord)

I Will Study Your Teachings

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: What is the greatest commandment?

People: The Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, all your mind and with all your strength.

Leader: And what is the second?

People: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Leader: On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Giving Praise to God

Opening Prayer

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

Hymn STJ (green) #49 *Rain Down*

Receiving a Message

Children's Time

Scripture Reading: Genesis 11:1-9 Acts 2:1-4, 12

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Message: *"The Tower of Babel"*

Responding with Thankfulness

Hymn HWB (blue) #338 I know not why God's wondrous

Offering

Congregational Prayer

Departing to Fellowship and Serve

Hymn HWB (blue) #118 *Praise God from whom*

Benediction

Fellowship Meal

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.

*Members of the Soul Food Visual Arts Worship Skills Group are exploring creative ways to bring the Bible to life. Today's bulletin covers and Bible art offer interpretations of the Tower of Babel story.

Headsets for hearing assistance are available from the ushers.

Childcare (infants to age 4): Staffed childcare is available in the nursery during the 10:45 Service. 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.

Genesis 11:1-9 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

11 Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ² And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.” ⁵ The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. ⁶ And the LORD said, “Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.” ⁸ So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹ Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Acts 2:1-4, 12 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”