

**Waterloo North Mennonite Church**  
**Season after Pentecost Matins Order**

Sunday November 26, 2017

For reflection: "I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the crippled, and I will strengthen the weak..."

Ezekiel 34: 16

**Gathering**

**Silence**

**Prelude**

**Opening the Bible**

**Welcome:**

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 things.

**People: We enter your presence Jesus Christ, the Way to abundant life.**

Leader: Be present with us Holy Spirit, to 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.**

**Silence**

**Praise**

**Hymn of Praise** HWB (blue) #106 All hail the power of Jesus' name *(rise)*

**Prayer of Praise** *(remain risen)*

Leader: The Lord is King! A lover of justice! *(Ps 99:4)*

**People: We make a joyful noise to you O Lord,  
enthroned in the heavens,** *(Ps 123:1)*

**for we know you have made us!** *(Ps 100:1,3)*

**You have shown us your ways**

**so that we may come to know you in following them!** *(Ex 33:13)*

**We will sing of your steadfast love forever! Amen.** *(Ps 89:1)*

**Hymn of Praise** HWB (blue) #25 Jesus, stand among us

*(be seated after singing)*

Leader: Let us join together in reading the Psalm.

### **Psalm 100**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.  
It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

Leader: For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,  
is now and will be forever. Amen.**

### **Silence**

#### **Confession**

Leader: Almighty God, King of all Creation

**People: We know that many other gods seek  
our allegiance in this world.** (Josh 24:14)

**We confess that we pay attention to them,  
to the gods of Status, Health and Wealth.  
We have not left them completely behind.  
All the while claiming our highest  
commitment is to you, King of all Creation.  
Help our unbelief! Amen.**

(Mark 9:24)

Leader: Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

**People: Jesus, Bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

Leader: Jesus, Redeemer of the world, give us peace.


**All: Amen.**

### **Silence**

**Hymn: Kyrie** (remain seated)

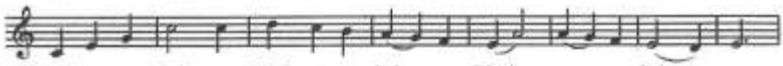
**Kyrie** Leonard Enns

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**Words of Assurance**

Leader: God’s Word is at work among you believers. (1Thess 2:13)

**Response to Assurance**

**People: Open the eyes of our hearts, O God,** (Eph 1:18)  
**so that we may truly see you and know you**  
**and follow you completely every day,**

**joining the throngs confessing**  
**Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.** (Phil 2:11)

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:  
 I leave you peace, my peace I give you.  
 Look not to our sins, but on the faith of your Church,  
 and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom  
 where you live forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Before we offer the peace of Christ to each other,  
we especially welcome guests at Waterloo North today.

### **Introduction of Visitors**

Leader: Let us offer each other the sign of Christ's peace.

Passing the Peace of Christ

*(rise)*

### **Listening to God's Word**

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

Leader: As we prepare to listen to God's Word let us pray:  
Gracious God

**All: Prepare our hearts to accept your Word.  
Silence in us any voice but your own;  
that hearing, we may be transformed  
by the Good News of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Reader: Hear the word of the Lord from the book of Ezekiel.  
READ Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Silence

Reader: Hear the word of the Lord from the Epistle of Ephesians.  
READ Ephesians 1:15-23.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Silence

Reader: Hear the word of the Lord from the Gospel of Matthew.

**Hymn to greet the Gospel** HWB (blue) #101 Alleluia *(rise)*

READ Matthew 25:31-46.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you O Christ!** *(be seated with the reader)*

**Silence**

Homily

**Hymn of Response** STS (purple) #52 Whatsoever you do vv1-6 *(rise)*

## **Prayers of the People**

Leader: Let us gather our prayers of gratitude and lift them to God.  
These are some events for gratitude in the life of our congregation and our world ...

Leader: Lord, for your goodness and mercy

**People: We give you thanks.**

Leader: What prayers of thanksgiving do you bring this morning?

**People: Audible sentence prayers** (eg. *"I give thanks, I saw God..."*)

Leader: Lord, for your goodness and mercy

**People: We give you thanks.**

Leader: Jesus said: "Ask and it will be given you,  
Search and you will find;  
Knock and the door will be opened for you."

Leader: Let us gather our prayers of petition as we lift them to God.  
These are some events and concerns for prayer in the life of our congregation and our world ...

Leader: Lord in your mercy

**People: Hear our prayers.**

Leader: What are the prayers of petition that you bring this morning?

**People: Audible sentence prayers** (eg. *"I hold in prayer ..."*)

Leader: Lord in your mercy

**People: Hear our prayers.**

Leader: By your death and resurrection you show us that love is stronger than hate. We pray for our torn and troubled world. May peace and unity grow where hatred and suffering now prevail.

### **Silent Prayer**

Leader: Lord in your mercy

**People: Hear our prayers.**

Leader: By your words and life you invite us to seek your kingdom. We pray that the church in all places may be faithful to you and that we in this congregation may embody your mission to the world.

### **Silent Prayer**

Leader: Lord in your mercy

**People: Hear our prayers.**

Leader: By your healing power you bring restoration, hope and comfort. We pray for ourselves and those dear to us who seek healing of body, mind, spirit or relationships.

### **Silent Prayer**

Leader: Lord in your mercy

**People: Hear our prayers.**

Leader: We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray:  
**All: Lord's Prayer** (see last page)

## Affirmation of Faith

Leader: Let us speak the affirmation of our faith together:

**All: We believe in God above us,  
Maker and sustainer of all life,  
of sun and moon,  
of water and earth,  
of all living things.  
We believe in God beside us,  
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,  
born of a woman, servant of the poor,  
tortured and nailed to a tree.  
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.  
He descended into the earth,  
to the place of death.  
On the third day he rose from the tomb.  
He ascended into heaven  
to be everywhere present,  
and his kingdom will come on earth.  
We believe in God with us,  
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,  
life-giving Breath of the church  
spirit of healing and forgiveness,  
source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.**

(adapted, *Jona Abbey Worship Book*)

## Sending

**Hymn of Benediction** HWB (blue) #433 Go, my children

(rise)

Leader: May you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord  
and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now  
and to the day of eternity. Amen.

(2 Peter 3:18)

## **Silence**

### **Closing the Bible**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Abide in God's love, seek justice and go in peace. Amen.

***Offering: as an act of sharing with the world what you have received  
from God's bountiful hand you are invited to place your offering in the  
basket as you leave the sanctuary.***

**Scripture for next week:**

*Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;  
(1)Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37.*

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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.

**Child care:** The nursery is located next to the sanctuary. Infant change table is located in the washroom next to nursery. The nursery is unstaffed during Matins.

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

**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.***

## The Lord's Prayer

Adapted from a chant by  
Richard Langdon, c. 1729-1805

Our Fa - ther Who art in heaven, hal - low - ed be Thy name;

Thy king - dom come; Thy will be done in earth, as it

is in heaven; Give us this day our dai - ly bread; And for -

give us our debts, as we for - give our debt - ors, as

we for - give our debt - ors; And lead us not in - to temp -

ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil; For Thine is the

king - dom, and the power and the glo - ry for ev - er. A - men.