



YES! LET IT BE!

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, December 17, 2017
Advent 3
LET IT BE WHOLE

GATHERING

Hymn: #197 HWB (Blue) *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Hymn: #178 HWB (Blue) *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Welcome and Announcements

PRAISING

Chiming to Worship and Silence

Call to Worship

One: Awake! The invitation to carry light comes from
the God of restoration.

**All: O God, you amaze us with your promise
to build up the ancient ruins. You say you will replace
the ashes of the past with garland of beauty.
Your bold vision dazzles our doubting soul.**

Silence

One: Quiet our questions.

**All: Lead us beyond our fears,
and guide us on the path of peace.**

One: Let it be whole.

Invocation

Special Music: "*O Little Town of Bethlehem*"

CONFESSING AND RESPONDING

Confession in unison:

O God of peace,
your justice wells up like a spring,
bringing dreams, laughter,
and wholeness to the world.
We confess we so often stifle your Spirit.
We are afraid to claim that you anointed us
to carry your upside-down vision
into our broken world,
where the lowly are trampled upon,
the hungry go away empty,
the rich increase in power and might.
We confess we lack the courage to build up and repair
what we have broken, imprisoned, and oppressed.

Forgive us when we do not catch your vision.
Lead us beyond our fears,
and guide us on the path to peace.

Lighting Advent Candle

Words of assurance in unison

O God, Emmanuel,
in Jesus, the Christ, you have come among us.
You have given us life, and we are restored.

Presentation by Children's Sunday School

"The Ox and the Donkey" by Gunter Spang

Hymn: #194 HWB (Blue) *Away in a Manger*

Hymn: #183 HWB (Blue) *On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry*

Children's Time

Offering*

LISTENING

Scripture readings: Psalm 126; John 1:6-14 (see insert)

Special Music: "*O Holy Night*" and "*Midnight Noel*"

Congregational Prayer

SENDING

Hymn: #54 STJ (Green) *Longing For Light*

Drama & Benediction

Focus statement: Rejoicing in God's comfort, we catch God's vision of shalom. We
choose to join the Spirit that is already at work restoring creation.

*During the offering, donated mittens, hats and socks can be hung on the tree.

**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.**
