

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.



YES! LET IT BE!

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, December 24, 2017
Advent
YES! LET IT BE NOW

GATHERING

Hymn: #191 HWB (Blue) *O little town of Bethlehem*

Hymn: #211 HWB (Blue) *Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming*

Welcome and Announcements

PRAISING

Chiming to Worship and Silence

Call to Worship

One: Yes! The invitation to carry Light comes to each of us, no matter who we are.

All: O God, you choose to dwell within us. You promise to move about with us until we find our rest in you.

One: Your call seems risky; saying 'yes' takes our breath away.

All: Yet we know your faithfulness and steadfast love endure forever.

One: You are our strength.

All: Yes! Let it be now.

Invocation

Hymn: #189 HWB (Blue) *To us a Child of hope is born*

Children's time

CONFESSING AND RESPONDING

Confession in unison:

O God of blessing and joy, your favour rests upon us, and our souls magnify you. We sing of your steadfast love and proclaim your faithfulness.

We confess we often lack complete trust, walking in our own strength, building our own houses instead of joining you in turning ruins into abundance.

We are terrified and overcome by fear, wondering, "How will we know?" and pondering, "How can this be?"

We are afraid to claim and proclaim that nothing is impossible when your power overshadows us, when your Spirit comes upon us.

We find it hard to let go and say, "Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

Forgive us.

Lighting Advent Candles

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.

Hymn: #181 HWB (Blue) *My soul proclaims with wonder*

Offering*

Worship music

LISTENING

Scripture readings: Luke 1:46b-55; Romans 16:25-27

Sermon "The Spark"

Hymn: #212 HWB (Blue) *O come, all ye faithful*

Congregational prayer

SENDING

Hymn: #392 HWB (Blue) *Heart and mind, possessions, Lord*

Drama

Benediction

Focus statement: Infused with God's vision, we proclaim with confidence, "Let it be with us according to your word!"

*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.
