

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, February 18, 2018
Lent 1
Me & You & the Creatures Too

Focus Statement:

An everlasting covenant is made between God (Me), the people (You), and every living creature. God's intention for relationship with the earth is inclusive and expansive, yet in our narrow-mindedness, we often exclude. How are we invited to expand our understanding to realize that all are included in God's covenant?

Hymn: HWB (blue) #76 Praise, I will praise you, Lord
Hymn: HWB (blue) #42 All People that on Earth do dwell

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming to Worship and Silent preparation

Call to Worship

Leader: The time has come; the kingdom of God draws near.
Repent and believe the good news.

People: **We have come.**
We are here.
We worship God together.

Invocation

Children's time

Theme Song: "Between Me & You" (by Bryan Moyer Suderman)

Confession

God of creation and salvation, too often we fear there is not enough, and we want to keep what there is for ourselves, so we build barriers. We want to decide who's in or out. We fail to see the impact of our selfishness. Help us to value all of your creation—the earth, air, water, and all living creatures, both the tame and the wild—the way you do. Help us to preserve and not destroy them. Forgive us for making your love too small. Teach us to act with humility, grace, and mercy as we seek to make things right.

Words of Assurance

Leader: All the Lord's paths are loving and faithful for those who keep God's covenant and laws.

Offering

Hymn: **HWB (blue) #496 Like Noah's weary dove**

Congregational Prayer

Scripture Reading Genesis 9:8-17 (see insert)

Hymn: **HWB (blue) #48 All creatures of our God...** (vs. 1-5)

Sermon "Never again and second chances"

Hymn: **HWB (blue) #46 I sing the mighty power of God**

Benediction

**We are people of God.
We go in God's love
to extend God's love
and live God's promise.**

Lenten theme: Our theme is "Between Me & You." This is about relationships, including covenants, between God, creation and each other.

***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.***

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: Thank you to 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.