

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, April 1, 2018
Easter Resurrection Worship Service

Prelude

Gathering

Hymn: HWB (blue) #280 Christ the Lord is risen today

Hymn: HWB (blue) #273 Low in the grave he lay

Call to Worship

Leader: To all who weep, and to all who smile, whether with joy or sorrow, welcome. Welcome home to this house of God. Welcome in the embrace of Christ. Hear and believe the good news, for he is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Praise the Lord, our Jesus lives!

People: Yes, praise the Lord! We will worship God together.

Greeting each other with “Christ is risen!”

Invocation

Time with Children

Song: “*Between Me & You*”

(see insert)

Confession

God of life, in you, death has no power.

Because OF you, this life is not our final end.

Thank you.

It feels good to celebrate new life, yours and ours.

It’s spring.

We long to throw off the heavy blankets of winter and bask in the sun.

We confess that, just as some folks would like to skip winter, there are times when we want to skip the whole crucifixion story and jump straight to the resurrection.

And yet there are other times when death feels more real than life.

When we see an empty tomb, it is easy to despair, and it seems futile to hope.

We hear stories of people who claim to have seen you alive; we want to believe, but struggle.

Forgive us for not recognizing you, for doubting our fellow believers, and for trying to hold you back.

Words of Assurance

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

Hymn: HWB (blue) #274 O sons and daughters, let us sing!

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Scripture Reading John 20:1-18 and Acts 10:34-43 (see insert)

Song: Here comes the Son (see insert)

Sermon *“The Light Breaks Through”*

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

Benediction

Postlude

***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. 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.