

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, May 6, 2018
10:45 a.m. Worship Service

GATHERING

Hymn: STJ (green) #4 You've got a place

Hymn: STJ (green) #82 Water has held us

Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: God of all life, we thank you
for the signs of your love that surround us,

**People: for sun and warmth and all that comes to life
within creation,
for all that sleeps within the earth awaiting birth.**

Leader: We praise you
for the wisdom of your care,
water on the earth,
sunlight on our spirits,
hands on blinded eyes.

**People: Continue to touch us.
Reach out to us with compassion and forgiveness
that we may receive your gifts,
that we may know your love and grace
and rise to new life in Jesus Christ.**

All: AMEN.

Prayer of Invocation

WORSHIPPING

Hymn: HWB #89 For the beauty of the earth

Children's Time

Hymn: STS (purple) #116 I saw a tree by the riverside

Scripture Readings Job 12:7-9; Job 14:7-9; Isaiah 58:8-11 *(see last page)*

Reflections and Readings

(Hymn: HWB (blue) #299 New earth, heavens new. Sing one verse after each speaker.)

Offering

Congregational Prayer

SENDING

Hymn: HWB (blue) #655 Now on land and sea

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. Infant change table is located in washroom next to nursery. Ushers can direct you.

Live Streaming: We are live streaming the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service. Only a recording of the sermon will remain on our website for later viewing. To access live streaming or sermon, go to our website, click on *Stay Connected* and select *Live Stream*. Please share with Gordon any concerns or questions you may have.

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.

Job 12:7-9 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁷ “But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you;

⁸ ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you.

⁹ Who among all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this?

Job 14:7-9 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁷ “For there is hope for a tree, if it is cut down, that it will sprout again, and that its shoots will not cease.

⁸ Though its root grows old in the earth, and its stump dies in the ground,

⁹ yet at the scent of water it will bud and put forth branches like a young plant.

Isaiah 58:8-11 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you,

the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;

you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,

the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry

and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

then your light shall rise in the darkness

and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually,

and satisfy your needs in parched places,

and make your bones strong;

and you shall be like a watered garden,

like a spring of water,

whose waters never fail.