

Waterloo North Mennonite Church  
Sunday June 17 2018, 9:30 a.m.  
Celebrating Rites of Passage: Turning 12

Gathering Music

**HWB (blue) #327 Great is thy faithfulness**  
**STS (purple) #124 My soul cries out**

Welcome, Announcements and Introductions

Call to Worship

Invocation

**Hymn: HWB (blue) #486 God of our life**

Children's time

**RITE OF PASSAGE FOR CHILDREN TURNING TWELVE**

Scripture: Luke 2:41-52

Sharing from Parents

Bible presentation

**Congregational response**

Leader: We pray that as you read this Bible, you will learn the story of God's love for us and be daily transformed by God's Spirit.

**All: May the Bible you have received serve as a reminder of our support and devotion for you and your spiritual growth. May you learn to love and trust our God of peace and grace.**

**Hymn: HWB (blue) #407 We are people of God's peace**

Offering

Congregational Prayer

**Hymn: STJ (green) #97 The Lord is my light**

Meditation

**Sending hymn: HWB (blue) #64 Asithi**

Benediction

**Headsets** for hearing assistance are available from the ushers.

**Childcare** (infants to age 4): 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.

**Information Sheets** with church news and activities are available in the foyer for those who do not receive them electronically.

**Live Streaming:** We are live streaming the 9:30 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.

**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.

**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.

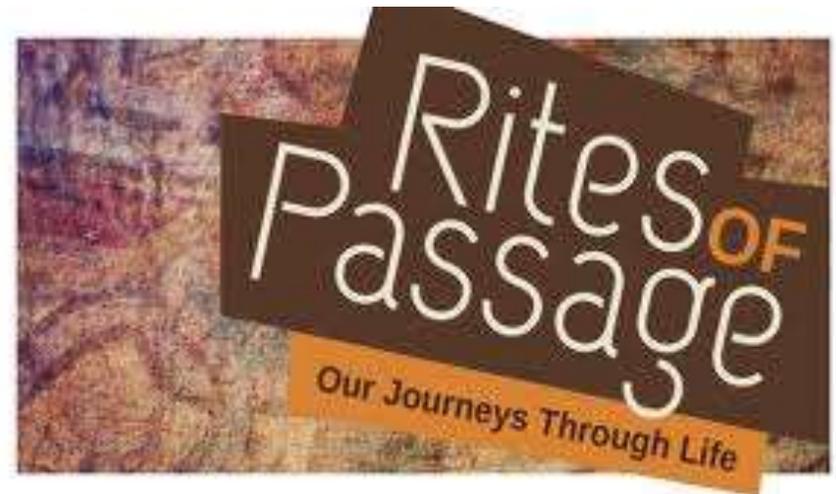
**At Waterloo North Mennonite Church we welcome all people to participate fully in our Christian community of faith with all its expectations, responsibilities, and opportunities regardless of personal characteristics such as race, ethnic background, age, gender and gender identity, sexual orientation, income, or education.**

## Luke 2:41-52 (NRSV)

<sup>41</sup> Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup> When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup> Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him.

<sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." <sup>49</sup> He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup> Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.



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***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.***

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