

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, August 19, 2018, 9:30 a.m.

Gathering Hymns:

HWB (blue) #32 Our Father God, thy name we praise

STJ (green) #88 Hallelujah! We sing your praises!

Welcome, Introduction, Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Invocation:

Leader: We enter your presence, O God, Creator of all things.

People: We enter your presence Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Leader: Be present with us Holy Spirit, our comforter and guide.

**All: To the one true God, eternally three in one,
be praise in all times and places,
through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession:

Leader: Let us pray together in confession:

People: Merciful God,

**We have not loved you with our whole hearts
nor our neighbours as ourselves.**

(STJ #131)

**We break your commandments rather than
practice and teach them.**

(Matt 5:19)

We trust in our own wisdom and strength.

(1Cor 1:25)

We repent and long for your blessing.

Silence

Words of Assurance:

Leader: God turns to us and hears our cry.

(Psalm 40:1)

Jesus, the Lamb of God, takes away our sins

(John 1:29)

**People: We are God's people and God's Spirit lives in us
so that our light might shine.**

(1Cor 3:16)

(Matt 5:16)

Hymn: HWB (blue) #226 You are salt for the earth

Children's time

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: HWB (blue) #366 God of grace and God of glory

Offering

Scripture Reading I Kings 2:10-12; I Kings 3:3-15

(see last page)

Sermon "Solomites"

Silence

Hymn of Response: HWB (blue) #517 Open my eyes, that I may see

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.

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.

I Kings 2:10-12 (NRSV)

¹⁰ Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David.

¹¹ The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. ¹² So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

I Kings 3:3-15 (NRSV)

³ Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. ⁴ The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.”

⁶ And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. ¹³ I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. ¹⁴ If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.”

¹⁵ Then Solomon awoke; it had been a dream. He came to Jerusalem where he stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. He offered up burnt offerings and offerings of well-being, and provided a feast for all his servants.

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.
