

Waterloo North Mennonite Church  
Sunday, September 16, 2018, 10:45 a.m.

**Gathering Hymns:**

**HWB (blue) #227 Two fishermen**

**HWB (blue) #528 I stand amazed in the presence**

Welcome, Introduction, Announcements

Call to Worship

Jesus says to his disciples:

Blessed are you needy ones:

**The kingdom of God is yours.**

Blessed are you who are hungry:

**You will be satisfied.**

Blessed are you who weep now:

**You will be filled with laughter.**

Rejected, insulted, blessed are you;

**Be glad and dance with joy.**

Jesus said: Take up your cross.

***We will follow you, O Christ,***

***into the needs of the world,***

***into the truth of our lives,***

***into the pain of our hearts,***

***into the presence of God.***

-adapted from Brian Woodcock, in *Traveling to Easter with Jesus as our Guide*.

Prayer of Invocation

**Hymn: HWB (blue) #13 Blessed Jesus, at your word**

Scripture Reading Matthew 6:25-34 (see last page)

Children's time

**Hymn: STS (purple) #40 Som'landela (We will follow)**

Offering

**Hymn: HWB (blue) #324 Seek ye first the kingdom of God**

Congregational Prayer

Sermon

# Hymn of Response HWB (blue) #493 I heard the voice of Jesus...

## Benediction

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### Fall Theme

#### WHERE IS JESUS GOING: ARE WE GOING TO FOLLOW?

The Ministry Team Fall theme is based on the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). Examining these three chapters will show us "followers of Christ" the way of Jesus, where and how he goes. Indeed, it should also force us to analyze our journey in order to determine if we really are followers. Each Sunday in September will deal with aspects of this theme. Everyone is encouraged to daily read these passages, pausing to consider the radical implications of Jesus' challenges for us.

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**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.

**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.***

### Matthew 6:25-34 (NRSV)

<sup>25</sup> "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to

your span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup> But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

<sup>34</sup> “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

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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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