



Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, November 11, 2018, 10:45 a.m.
Theme: A renewed peace church welcomes the stranger

Gathering hymns:

STJ (green) #3 Jesus calls us here to meet him

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

Welcome, Introduction, Announcements

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: HWB (blue) #86 Now thank we all our God

Confession and Entreaty STJ (green) #142

Words of Assurance (unison)

How blessed are the kind and merciful, for they shall be shown mercy. Happy are those whose hearts are pure, for they shall see God. How blessed are those who strive for peace; they shall be called the children of God.

Minute of Silence ... followed by lighting the Peace Lamp

Passing the Peace

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: HWB (blue) #371 Let there be light, Lord God

Children's Time

Offering Hymn HWB (blue) #384 We give thee but thine own

Scripture readings Deuteronomy 10:12, 17-22 ; Matthew 25:31-46

Hymn: HWB (blue) #403 The church of Christ in every age

Sermon "Stationary or Moving?"

Hymn of response: HWB (blue) #142 Brothers and sisters of mine

Sending prayer:

Leader: Jesus taught us to speak of hope as the coming of God's kingdom.

All: *We believe that God is at work in our world, turning hopeless and evil situations into good. We believe that goodness and justice and love will triumph in the end and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever. One day all tears will be wiped away; the lamb will lie down with the lion, and justice will roll down like a mighty stream.*

Leader: True peace and true reconciliation are not only desired, they are assured and guaranteed in Christ.

All: *This is our faith. This is our hope.*

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.***

Deuteronomy 10:12, 17-22 (NRSV)

¹² So now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you? Only to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,

¹⁷ For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, ¹⁸ who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. ¹⁹ You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. ²⁰ You shall fear the LORD your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. ²¹ He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen. ²² Your ancestors went down to Egypt seventy persons; and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars in heaven.

Matthew 25:31-46 (NRSV)

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’

³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?’ ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?’

³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’

⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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.
