



*I am the vine  
you are the branches*

*John 15.5*

**Waterloo North Mennonite Church  
Sunday February 3, 2019, 10:45 a.m.**

Abiding in the vine and bearing fruit: during the season of Epiphany, we will explore the spiritual legacy of the Anabaptists, forebears of the Mennonites, by exploring the themes of regeneration, scripture, discipleship, nonresistance, and community.

**Gathering hymns:**

**STJ (green) #16 Praise with joy the world's Creator**

**HWB (blue) #56 Awake, arise, O sing a new song**

Welcome, introductions and announcements

Our Story

**Call to worship: STS (purple) #150**

*(responsive reading)*

**Hymn: STJ (green) #35 O Breath of Life**

Congregational Prayer

**Hymn: (insert) I will sing with you**

Offering

Children's time

**Hymn: HWB (blue) #316 In this world abound scrolls**

Scripture reading: Deuteronomy 30:11-14; Hebrews 4:12 & 13

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Sermon: *"Practising Scripture"*

**Hymn: HWB (blue) #133 Out of the depths I cry to you**

**Benediction**

**Sending Hymn: HWB (blue) #428 Lord, let us now depart...**

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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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**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.***

“<sup>11</sup> Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup> It is not in heaven, that you should say, “Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?” <sup>13</sup> Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, “Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?” <sup>14</sup> No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.”

Deuteronomy 30:11-14 (NRSV)

“Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.”

Hebrews 4:12-13 (NRSV)

“How often must I scream at you . . . to come with Scripture?”  
"Scripture. Scripture. Scripture. Do you not hear, you deaf goat and dumb ass?" "I will and must be subdued with Scripture . . . not with uncertain life and doctrine of men, however holy they may be”.

Martin Luther

“I value the Holy Scripture above all human treasures but not as high as the Word of God, which is living, powerful and eternal, and which is free and unencumbered by all the elements of this world. For insofar as it is God himself it is spirit and no letter, written without pen and paper that it may never be expunged.”

Hans Denck