



Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, September 15, 2019, 9:30 a.m.

Welcoming: Opening the Door

*“Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ
has welcomed you, for the glory of God” (Romans 15:7)*

Heart Spirituality

GATHERING

Gathering Hymns:

STS (purple) #55 Love the Lord your God

HWB (blue) #444 Lord, I want to be a Christian

Welcome, Introduction, Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: We have come to worship you, O God.

All: Gather us in.

Leader: Some of us come full of happiness.

It requires vulnerability and embraces diversity.

All: Gather us in.

Leader: Some of us come a little sore from what life brings.

All: Gather us in.

Leader: Some of us come indifferent or confused.

All: Gather us in.

Leader: We honour you—who forms us and calls each of
us by name.

You are our God, known yet unknown,

present here, yet everywhere, now and forever.

You have made us distinctly unique

and yet part of your people world-wide.

All: Gather us in.

Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

PRAISING

Hymn: HWB (blue) #420 Heart with loving heart united

Hymn: STJ (green) #105 Don't be afraid

HEARING

Children's Time

Scripture Reading: Acts 9:1-19

(see insert)

Sermon "Fearless?"

RESPONDING

Hymn of Response:

STJ (green) #88 Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona (*Hallelujah! We sing...*)

Offering

Congregational Prayer

Blessing of Prayer Shawls

SENDING

Reading of WNMC Covenant

(see insert)

Hymn: HWB (blue) #427 You shall go out with joy

Creating a Covenant Banner

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.

Fall Theme

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for the glory of God. Romans 15:7*

This fall we are invited to respond to God's call to open the door. One way to practice this risky hospitality is to become more aware of the various ways we come to God. Our four worship services in September will be shaped around different spirituality types: head, heart, mystic, and service/action. To a certain extent we each embrace all of them, but we can also feel more at home in one or two and perhaps slightly uncomfortable in others. Helping each other feel at home with God and God's people is part of radical hospitality. May we follow Christ's example and find courage, creativity, and grace to prop our doors open together!

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.

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.