

**Waterloo North Mennonite Church  
Sunday May 12, 2019, 10:45 a.m.**

**Gathering hymns:**

**STJ (green) #5 Come and be light for our eyes**

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

Welcome, Announcements and Introductions

**Call to Worship: STJ (green) #119**

**Hymn of Invocation: STJ (green) #10 Spirit, working in...**

Children's Time

Offering

Congregational Prayer

**Hymn: HWB (blue) #560 In lonely mountain ways**

Scripture Reading: Acts 9:36-43 and Rev. 7:9-17 *(see last page)*

Sermon: *"Restoring a Relic"*

**Hymn of Response: STS (purple) #124 My soul cries out**

Benediction

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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.***

## **Acts 9:36-43** (NRSV)

<sup>36</sup> Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas.<sup>[a]</sup> She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup> So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

## **Revelation 7:9-17** (NRSV)

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

<sup>11</sup> And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup> I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

## Paraphrase of Psalm 23

-- by Gordon Allaby

Gracious God, creator of all things,  
is my protector and advocate.  
I am content; I shall not want.

God makes me, insists that I rest in green nourishing places.  
God leads me to calm and still waters.  
God restores my soul,  
and leads in a life giving direction that is God's way.

Even though I wander off and walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for there is protection and stability there to comfort me.

You prepare an opportunity for healing and reconciliation  
before me in the presence of my enemies.

You bless me with your confidence  
by anointing my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall be with me,  
and I will dwell in the Lord's peaceful house my whole life long.