



Rite of Passage: Life's Significant Transitions

**Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday June 23, 2019, 9:30 a.m.**

Gathering

Hymn: HWB (blue) #511 God, who touches earth

Hymn: STJ (green) #14 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song

Welcome/introductions/announcements

Call to worship

Invocation

Hymn: HWB (blue) #12 Come, let us all unite to sing

Hearing

Scripture Reading John 11:38-44

(see last page)

Children's Time

Hymn: STJ (green) #29 You are all we have

Endings Reflections

Hymn: STJ (green) #29 You are all we have

Middles Reflections

Hymn: STJ (green) #29 You are all we have

Responding

Beginnings Reflections

Hymn of Response: HWB (blue) #614 In the bulb...

Litany

(see insert)

Offering

Congregational prayer

Sending

Hymn: STJ (green) #73 The Lord lift you up

Benediction

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.***

*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.*

John 11:38-44 (NRSV)

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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Congregational Litany

One: Life is full of changes, but some changes move us to question and search for our identity.

**All: We are troubled, confused and anxious when we no longer see the familiar,
when our routines have vanished,
and when we no longer fit the form we came to know.**

One: God is not a God of confusion and disorder. God is a God of peace (I Cor. 14:33)

**All: Centring God,
help us to rediscover that peace.
Help us to find our new direction.**

One: God makes all things new, and is always good.

**All: God of creation and new life,
guide us when we are in transition.
Help us to focus on your new way for us.
Help us to focus on you, and release the gift of the past.**

One: God of creation, let your light shine on us so that we may know and celebrate that you have formed and created us in life-giving and life-receiving oneness and harmony.

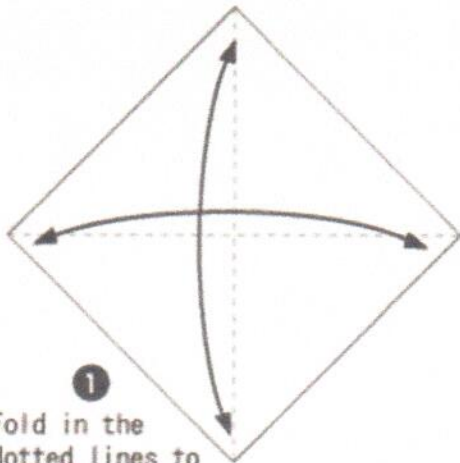
**All: Source of our being,
hear our prayer and bless us
with your gift of re-creation
from little deaths to letting go and rediscovering life.**

One: God of grace, grant us the gift of inward joy and serenity that comes from being in relationship with you and your new-life story.

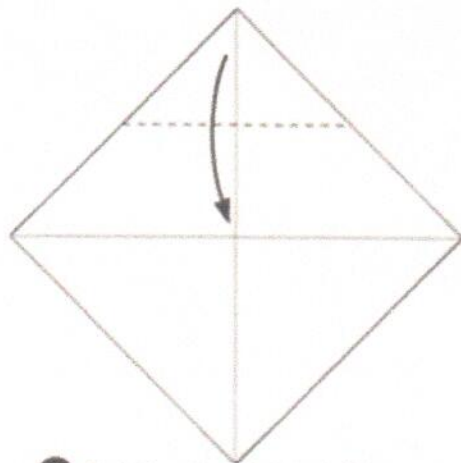
All: God of new life, bless us with your gift of grace.

One: God of love, fill our hearts with light, grace and hope that cast out the spirits of fear, anxiety and confusion. Inspire in each of us a spirit of connection, compassion, and love.

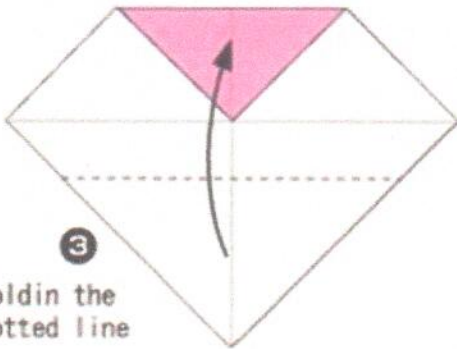
**All: God of our endings, of middle spaces and new beginnings,
Our trust and hope is in you.
As we leave familiar paths, encounter barriers and forks in the road,
We know that you guide us,
Today and in all the days to come.**



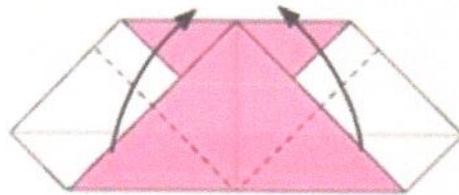
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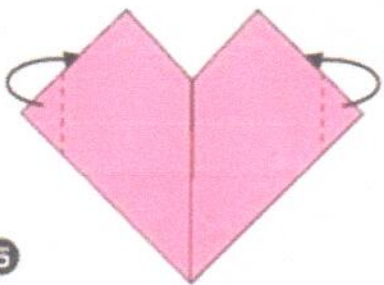
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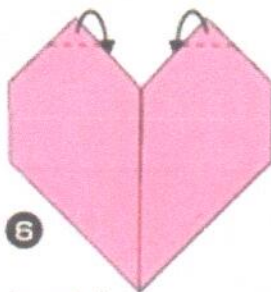
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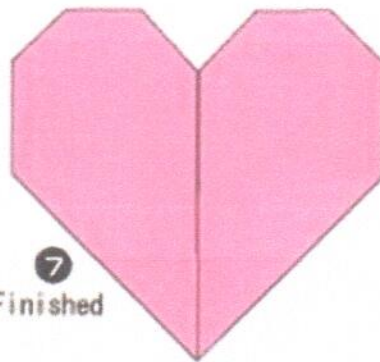
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