

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, August 25, 2019, 9:30 a.m.

Gathering Hymns:

HWB (blue) #16 God is here among us

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

Welcome:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Introductions and Announcements

Invocation: HWB (blue) #661

Confession:

Leader: Gracious God, hear our confession.

**People: Our faith is uncertain, our forgiveness slow,
our conviction is weak, our compassion wavering.**

Show us your mercy.

Help us show mercy.

(HWB 703, abridged)

Silence

Words of Assurance

Leader: God says, "I will heal your disloyalty and love you freely."

(Hos 14.4)

Jesus said "Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid."

(Mt 14.27)

People: Therefore, if God is for us who can be against us?

(Rom 8:31)

**In Christ we have been given new hope and new life,
and to this newness of life we commit ourselves.**

Amen.

(WNMC Covenant)

Hymn: STS (purple) #44 When Jesus the healer

Children's Time

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: STS (purple) #48 Come unto me

Offering

Scripture Reading Luke 13:10-17

(see last page)

Sermon "Caged"

Hymn of Response: HWB (blue) #567 How firm a foundation

Benediction

Headsets for hearing assistance are available from the ushers.

Nursery is located next to the sanctuary. Infant change table is located in washroom next to nursery. Ushers can direct you. The nursery is unstaffed in the summer.

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.

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.

Luke 13:10-17 (NRSV)

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.