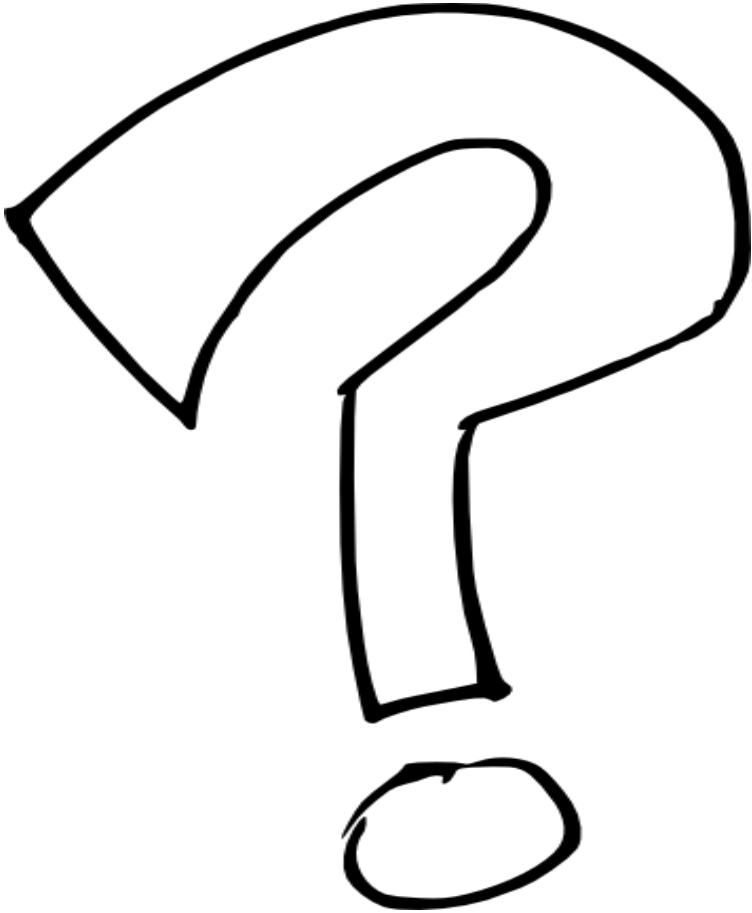


**What's so good about  
the Good News:**



**Sign of the times**

Waterloo North Mennonite Church  
Sunday, November 17, 2019, 10:45 a.m.

## GATHERING

### **Gathering Hymns:**

**STJ (green) #44 The love of God**

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

Welcome & Guests; Announcements

Call to Worship

Invocation and Silence

**Hymn: STS (purple) #121 Nothing is lost on the breath...**

Receiving New Members *(see insert)*

## HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Congregational Prayer

Offering

**Hymn to welcome the Word: HWB (blue) #242 Stay with me**

Scripture reading: Luke 21:5-19 *(see last page)*

Children's Time

Sermon "One Day Vision"

## SENDING

**Hymn of Response: HWB (blue) #336 When peace...**

Benediction

The theme for October-November worship is “**What’s so good about the Good News?**” We will explore words/concepts foundational to Christianity and what they mean for us today – holding the question, how is this “good news”?

**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.***

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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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## Luke 21:5-19 (NRSV)

<sup>5</sup> When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, <sup>6</sup> “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>7</sup> They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” <sup>8</sup> And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup> “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup> there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup> “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup> This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup> So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; <sup>15</sup> for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup> You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup> You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup> But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup> By your endurance you will gain your souls.

# RECEIVING MEMBERS

## Introduction

### Litany For Receiving New Members

- Minister: You have previously made confession of your faith and have been a member of Christ's church. We rejoice in your decision to become a member of Waterloo North Mennonite Church, in full covenant relationship with those who worship and serve God here. Do you now re-affirm your faith in God and commitment to be a follower of Christ?  
(I do)
- Minister: As you willingly unite with this congregation, do you accept the covenant of this congregation?  
(I do)
- Minister: As part of being a member at Waterloo North, are you willing to give and receive counsel?  
(I am)
- Minister: You are supported by a cloud of witnesses. Hear the pledge of your family of faith.
- Congregation: As followers of Christ, trusting in God's grace, we rejoice with you. We will pray for you. And, we will walk with you in the way of Jesus.**
- Church Chair: On behalf of the church, I gladly welcome you as a member, and present you with this bowl. May it always remind you that we are being held together by the gracious love of God.