

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, November 24, 2019, 10:45 a.m.
Memorial Sunday

Gathering hymns:

HWB (blue) #37 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
HWB (blue) #48 All creatures of our God and King (vv1-6)

Welcome and announcements

Call to Worship and Invocation: STS (purple) #201

Children's time

Offering

Congregational Prayer

Scripture reading: Luke 23:32-43 (see last page)

Hymn: HWB (blue) #247 Jesus, remember me (x3)

Sermon "Remember"

Act of Remembering

Lighting Candles

Hymn: STJ (green) #110 Go, silent friend

Hymn: HWB (blue) #653 Abide with me

Hymn: HWB (blue) #580 My life flows on

Benediction

On Memorial Sunday, we acknowledge sorrow and loss in our community, but it is also a time of gratitude for those who once worshipped among us. This morning, we remember and light a candle for the following people:

Abner Martin, Luke Bender, John Stutzman and Andrew Rourke.

As we sing, you are welcome to come forward and light a candle in remembrance.

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.

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 23:33-43 (NRSV)

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

³⁴ Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³ He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”