

Waterloo North Mennonite Church  
Sunday, January 19, 2020, 10:45 a.m.

Scripture: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42  
Called Out

***Gather us in...***

Hymn: STJ (green) #16 Praise with joy the world's...

Hymn: STS (purple) #34 You are holy

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Call to Worship

Into this world we are born,

**Into the beauty and sorrow of everyday life.**

Into this day we awake,

**Into possibility and the unknown.**

Into this church we are welcomed,

**Into God's grace and each other's truth.**

So let us worship our God this day, we who are called and loved.

(Beth Merrill Neel <https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/call-to-worship/>)

Hymn (Insert): Fearfully, Wonderfully Made

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Congregational Prayer

***Call to us now and we shall awaken...***

Children's Time

Hymn: STJ (green) #30 Jesus Christ is waiting

Scripture Reading: John 1:29-42

(see insert)

Sermon: "*What are **you** looking for?*"

Hymn of Response: STS (purple) #49 I will come to...

## ***Give us the courage to enter the song***

Offering

Hymn: STS (purple) #114 God has chosen me

Benediction

In this season of Epiphany, we will explore key moments from the Life of Christ and how we are called to bring our whole selves, to accept our whole selves and to serve God with our whole selves.

To help us more deeply experience the theme for this series, we are using one to two projected images each Sunday. The images include many styles of art from different cultures. The images all come from the collection *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN, and are reprinted by permission.

The image for this Sunday (January 19) is JESUS MAFA "The first two disciples". JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa.

<http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=48379>

**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.*

# Scripture Reading

## **John 1:29-42** (NRSV)

<sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup> And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup> He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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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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