



Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, March 15, 2020, 10:45 a.m.

Lent 3: Show us the Rock of our Salvation from which comes living water

Focus statement: When all we can see of our lives is a pile of stones in the desert or a deep well of pain, God shows us there is water deep within the rocks and wells—the living water of God’s love. We rejoice in the Rock of our Salvation!

Gathering Hymns:

HWB (blue) #514 Lord, I am fondly, earnestly

STJ (green) #77 The peace of the earth be with you

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming to Worship and Silent Reflection

Psalm Reading Psalm 95:1-7

(see insert)

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let’s sing out loud to the Lord!

People: Let’s raise a joyful shout to the Rock of our Salvation!

Leader: Come, you who are thirsty and can find no water in the desert.

People: We bring our questions, our complaints, to the Rock of our Salvation.

Leader: Come and see the One who speaks to us of living water.

People: Show us who you are and who we are, O Jesus.

All: *Let’s raise a joyful shout to the Rock of our Salvation!*

Hymn: STJ (green) #28 We worship God the Rock

Confession

All: *God of living waters, we confess that we have often turned from you and wandered in our own wildernesses of fear and doubt. Our thirst mounts daily, and we turn to many things we believe will satisfy us. In the silence of this moment we name those things.*

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The wells of salvation are offered to you. Drink deeply and find healing, hope, and joy, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us! Amen.

Hymn: HWB (blue) #515 Jesus, Rock of ages

Children's Time

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: STS (purple) #64 There is a well (Un pozo hay)

Offering

Scripture Reading John 4:5-42

(see insert)

Sermon "At the Well"

Hymn of Response: HWB (blue) #495 O let all who thirst

Ritual of Response — Come to "the well"

Extinguishing the Light and Benediction

Leader: We have seen the Rock of our Salvation,
and we have quenched our thirst for the living water
that gives our lives purpose and meaning.
Let us go now to meet all thirsting for God.

People: We will share the living water with everyone we meet.

Leader: Let us go now to listen as Jesus does with us.

**People: We will hear the stories and hearts of all who are considered
voiceless by our world.**

Leader: Let us go now to bring the Spirit's wholeness to others.

**All: We will bring peace and healing to the broken and lonely,
even as they offer us hope and grace by their lives.**

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.

Our Lenten theme is "Show Us". May our hearts and minds be open when we engage these texts and declare, "Show us." We seek to better understand God, and Jesus lived and taught to show everyone the will and passion of God. As we petition the passages to "Show Us", may we also be receptive to the surprising love and grace of God. The visuals for Lent present the bleak, lonely aspect of Lent. Extinguished candles will mark our journey to the cross.

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.

Psalm 95 (NRSV)

¹ O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

³ For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.

⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

⁶ O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

⁷ For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

John 4:5-42 (NRSV)

⁵ So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."

¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming,

and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³ So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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 please ask anyone, visit our website www.waterloonorthmc.org or fill out the visitor information card, located at the Welcome Table in the foyer. If you wish, a minister will contact you.

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.