

## Celebrating Rites of Passage: Turning 18 and Baptism

### Gathering Hymns

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

**STJ (green) #61** *How can we be silent*

Welcome, Introductions and Announcements

Call to Worship and Invocation

**Hymn STJ (green) #27** *God of the Bible\**

Time with the Children

### RITE OF PASSAGE: TURNING 18

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Kayla Thiessen, Saskia Snyder-Penner*

Introduction

Scripture: 1 Timothy 4:12

Parents' blessing

Young Adults' plans

### Congregational response

Leader: As you enter into these young adult years,

**All: May God go with you.**

Leader: Through tough decisions and new experiences,

**All: May Jesus be your guide.**

Leader: As you discover who you are and where God is calling you,

**All: May the Holy Spirit empower you.**

Leader: As you set out on the next phase of your journey,

**All: May the light of faith shine bright in you,  
May the light of hope surround you,  
May the light of love lead you on your way.**

Leader: We offer you our continued support, prayers and love for the years of discovery that lie ahead. We welcome your gifts, your insight, and your prayers as together we seek to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ in our homes, at church and in the world.

*Please repeat the following for each person when prompted...*

**All: God be with you [name].**

**Hymn STJ (green) #79** *As I went down to the river to pray\**

Congregational Prayer

Offering

**Hymn HWB (blue) #546** *Guide my feet\**

Meditation *Younger than that now*

### BAPTISM

*Anya Fieguth, Tessa Hedrick and Thea Andres* (with advocates  
Natasha Krahn, Barb Burkholder and Dolores Harms Penner)

**Invitation litany: STJ (green) #166**

Baptismal vows

Minister: As you come to receive the waters of baptism, let us hear your declaration.

Candidate: By the grace of God, I surrender myself to be a follower of Christ.

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.**

Baptism

Prayer of Blessing

**Hymn HWB (blue) #545** *Be thou my vision (vv.1,2,4,5)*

Benediction

### Leading Us in Worship

Pianist

Anita Fieguth

Song Leader

Lynn Rempel

Worship Leaders

Peter Paetkau, Gordon Allaby, Kendra Whitfield Ellis

Congregational Prayer

Lorrie Shantz

Time with the Children

Peter Paetkau

Preacher

Gordon Allaby

Sound Technician

Matthew Janzen-Martin

Ushers

Kathryn Good, Eleanor Neufeld

**\* Indicates hymns chosen by the baptismal candidates.**

**Head sets** are available, from the ushers, for hearing assistance.

**Offering** - For 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.

**Childcare** (infants to age 4): The nursery is located outside the sanctuary. Ushers are available to assist you. Staffed childcare is scheduled during worship throughout June.

**Information Sheets** with church news and activities are available on table in foyer for those who do not receive them electronically.

**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 Gordon. (See below.)

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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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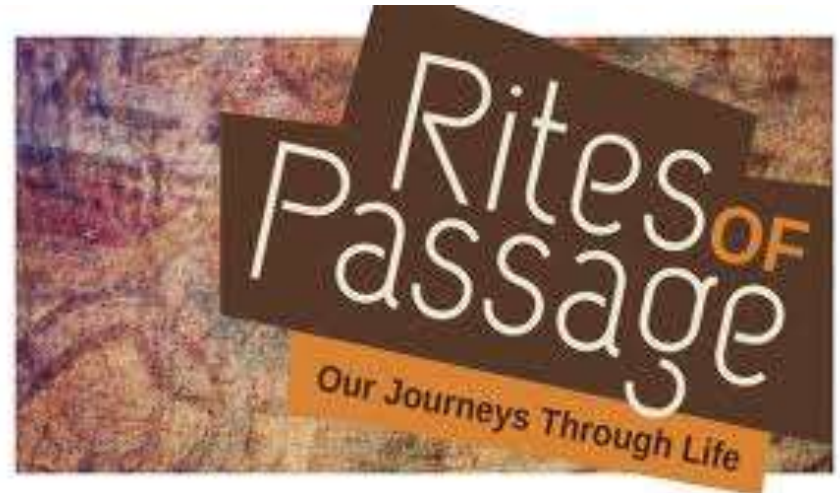
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## WATERLOO NORTH MENNONITE CHURCH

**June 18, 2017, 9:30 a.m.**



**Today's Scripture Reading:**

**1 Timothy 4:12** New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

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