

Encountering Jesus



Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, May 10, 2020
Encountering Jesus: Believing/Trusting

COMING / ARRIVING

Prelude / Passing the Peace

Gathering Hymn: STJ (green) #9 Come, now is the time to worship

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Call to Worship / Welcome

Invocation / Opening Prayer

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

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SETTLING IN / STAYING

Scripture 1: (based on Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16, *The Message*)

Leader: I run to you, God; I run for dear life.

All: Don't let me down! Take me seriously this time!

Leader: Get down on my level and listen, and please – don't procrastinate!

**All: You're my cave to hide in – my safety in isolation.
Let me find a high cliff where you also provide safety.**

Leader: Be my safe leader, be my true mountain guide.

All: Free me from hidden traps; I want to hide in you.

Leader: We've put our lives in your hands.

You won't drop us, you'll never let us down.

**All: Hour by hour I place my days in your hand,
safe from the hands out to get me.**

Leader: Warm me, your servant, with a smile.

**All: Save me because you love me.
Like all times, this time is in your hands.**

Children's Time

HEARING

Scripture 2: John 14:1-14

Homily

Hymn of Response: STJ (green) #91 Like a mother who has borne us (vs 1, 2 & 4)

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“*Tuning In*” Reflection

Hymn: The Mennonite Hymnal #535 How great Thou art (vs 1, 2 & 4)

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GOING

Congregational Prayer

Spoken Benediction (based on 1 Peter 2: 2-10, *The Message*)

You have had a taste of God’s goodness. Drink deeply of God’s pure compassion and grow to maturity in God.

Look to the living Stone, the source of life. Present yourselves as building stones for the construction of a sanctuary vibrant with life, in which you’ll serve.

Remember, you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for a higher calling, chosen to be a holy people. Be God’s instruments to do God’s work and to speak out for God.

Tell others the night-and-day difference God has made for you, transforming you from nothing to something, from being rejected to being accepted.

AMEN.

Sung Benediction - *As you go out from here*

Performed by *The Beechnuts*.

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As you go out from here, may the Lord go with you.

The face of God shine on you every day.

We are sent by God wherever we are living,

salt and light as people of the Way.

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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.
