

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, May 17, 2020
Encountering Jesus: Receiving / Accepting

COMING / ARRIVING

Signing in / Passing the Peace

Call to Worship

Invocation/Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise: STS (purple) #1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness

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SETTLING IN / STAYING

Scripture 1 — Responsive Reading (based on Psalm 66:8-20 *MSG*)

Leader: Bless our God, O people! Give God a thunderous welcome!

**All: Didn't God set us on the road to life?
Didn't God keep us out of harm's way?**

Leader: God trained us first, passed us like silver through refining fires,

All: Brought us into uncharted territory, pushed us to our very limit,

Leader: Road-tested us inside and out, took us to the depths and back.

All: Finally, God brought us to this place of safety and security.

Leader: Now I'm doing what I said I'd do that day when I was in so much trouble:

All; Offering you the choicest fixings in a glorious feast!

Leader: All believers, come here and listen; let me tell you what God did for me.

All: We will echo your words, for we, too, called out to God!

Leader: I called out to the Lord with my mouth,
my tongue shaped the sounds of music.

**All: We called out to God with our mouths;
our tongues shaped the sounds of music.**

Leader: Our God most surely did listen;
God came on the double when I cried out.

**All: Blessed be God: the Lord didn't turn a deaf ear.
God stayed with me, ever loyal in tender love.**

Children's Time

HEARING

Scripture 2 John 14:15-21

Homily

Hymn of Response: STJ (green) #100 Here I am

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Tuning In Reflection

Hymn: STS (purple) #124 My soul cries out

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GOING

Congregational Prayer

Spoken Benediction (based on 1 Peter 1:17-23 MSG)

Through thick and thin, keep your hearts at attention, in adoration before Christ.
Be ready to speak up and tell anyone who asks why you're living the way you are.

Keep a clear conscience before God so that when people throw insults at you,
none of them will stick.

You are presented to God with a clear conscience through Jesus' resurrection.

Rejoice in the knowledge that Jesus has the last word on everything and everyone.
Jesus is standing right alongside God, and what he says goes. 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.
