

Waterloo North Mennonite Church

Sunday, September 3, 2017 9:30 a.m.

Gathering Hymns:

HWB (blue) #26 *Holy Spirit, come with power*
HWB (blue) #226 *You are salt for the earth*

Welcome, Introduction, Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Invocation:

Leader: We enter your presence Eternal God, Creator of all life.

People: We enter your presence Jesus Christ, the Way of Abundant Life.

Leader: Be present with us Holy Spirit, inspire our daily living.

**All: To the one true God, eternally three in one,
be praise in all times and places,
through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession:

Leader: God of boundless Eternity, God of graceful New Beginnings
God who lived with us in Jesus,

People: Our faith is uncertain, our conviction is weak. (HWB #703)

**But our fears are constant,
our anxieties have strong hold on us.**

We are anxious about the future of the earth.

We are anxious about the future of our children.

We fear for our security; we fear "the Other".

**We fear the loss of the good things
in this life we have built.**

(see Lk 12:18-19)

We go through life fearing its end in death.

Save us O God! Help our unbelief!

(Mk 9:24)

Silence

Words of Assurance:

Leader: God says "I will heal your disloyalty and love you freely. *(Hos 14:4)*

Jesus said "Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid." *(Mt 14:27)*

Response to Assurance:

People: Therefore, if God is for us who can assail against us? *(Rm 8:31)*

**In Christ we have been given new hope and new life, and to this
newness of life we commit ourselves. Amen. *(WNMC Covenant)***

Hymn HWB (blue) #368 *O God of love, O Power of peace*

Congregational Prayer

Children's time

Hymn StJ (green) #56 *Make me a channel of your peace*

Scripture reading: Romans 12:9-21 (see last page)

Sermon: "Peace be with you"

Hymn of Response HWB (blue) #323 *Beyond a dying sun*

Offering

Hymn HWB (blue) #371 *Let there be light, Lord God*

Benediction

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.

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

Childcare (infants to age 4): The nursery is located outside the sanctuary. Infant change table is located in washroom next to nursery. Ushers can direct you. Staffed childcare will be available during the 10:45 a.m. service beginning September 24th.

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.

Information Sheets with church news and activities are available on the 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 one of the ministers.

We extend a special welcome to **Erb Street** and **W-K United Mennonite** congregants worshipping with us this morning.

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.

Romans 12:9-21

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.