

**Waterloo North Mennonite Church**

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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.

YES! LET IT BE!

Waterloo North Mennonite Church  
Sunday, December 10, 2017  
Advent 2  
LET IT BE SO

#### GATHERING CAROLS

**Hymn: #201 HWB (Blue)** *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

**Hymn: #190 HWB (Blue)** *Twas in the Moon of Wintertime*

Welcome and Announcements

#### PRAISING

Chiming to Worship and Silence

##### **Call to Worship**

One: Awake! The invitation to carry light comes from the voice  
who cries out for a smooth way through wild places.

**All: O God, your call is uncomfortable.**

**How can we who are weak remove the rough and rugged  
places?**

Silence

One: Quiet our questioning souls.

**All: Lead us into your presence so all can see your way.**

One: Let it be so.

**Hymn #178 HWB (Blue)** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Children's time

#### CONFESSING and RESPONDING

##### **Confession in unison:**

O God of blazing heavens, you come to us gently and tenderly,  
speaking peace and comfort into our fear.

We long for you, we yearn for your promise of a new heaven  
and earth.

Yet we confess that though we know how to get busy and  
prepare for this season, we do not know how to slow down or  
wait and make space for your presence.

May our ordinary lives intersect with the power of your Word  
and the transforming presence of your grace.

Empower us to "let it be so".

#### Lighting Advent Candle

##### **Words of assurance in unison**

O God, Emmanuel,  
in Jesus, the Christ, you have come among us.  
You have given us life, and we are restored.

**Hymn: #124 STS (Purple)** *My Soul Cries Out*  
Offering\*

#### LISTENING

Scripture readings: Isaiah 40:1-11; Mark 1:1-8 (see insert)

Sermon "Stop the crying"

**Hymn: #176 HWB (Blue)** *Comfort, Comfort, O My People*  
Congregational Prayer

#### SENDING

**Hymn: #57 STS (Purple)** *Go, My Friends, in Grace*

Drama

Benediction

Focus statement: We long to be comforted, we long for change.  
Moving from uncertainty and fear, we call upon God to make things  
ready—the mountains leveled, the paths made straight, our hearts  
prepared.

\*During the offering, donated mittens, hats and socks can be hung on  
the tree.

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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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