

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, March 4, 2018
Lent 3
Me & You & Working It Through

Focus Statement: We are in relationship with a God whose foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. We need relational guidelines to guide the *between*, although rigidly adhering to rules has the potential to come in between. How might we seek God each day and tend to the space between (for example, between relationship), rather than focus solely on the rules?

Gathering

Hymn: HWB (blue) #56 Awake, arise, O sing a new song

Hymn: HWB (blue) #55 Cantemos al Señor (Let's sing unto the Lord)

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming to Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: Come rule makers, rule breakers, and you who are still finding your way. Come. Whether you speak with wise words or with wisecracks, you are made in the image of God. Come into God's house. Hear God's Word. Prepare to meet your Maker and your match. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is greater than human strength.

**People: Some of us like certainty and structure. Some of us don't.
We come by different roads, yet we are here together.
We want to know God, and to be known by God.
We are here to worship the Lord.**

Leader: Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there."
We are here and Christ Jesus is here. We join our hearts in worship.

Hymn: HWB (blue) #22 Lord Jesus Christ, be present now

Children's Time

Theme Song: "*Between Me & You*"

(see insert)

Confession

**God, we call you ruler of all, but sometimes we make excuses.
We try to avoid applying your rules to our actions and interests.
At other times, we hold so tightly to rules that we break relationships.
It is easier to imagine that you are like us than it is for us to be like you.
We judge ourselves by success; you judge us by how we treat others.
Help us to face our truth.
Forgive us when we fail.
Give us the courage to keep trying to live as you love.**

Words of Assurance

Leader: The Lord's rules can be trusted.
They make plain people wise.

Hymn: STS (purple) #71 Gentle God, when we are driven

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Scripture readings Exodus 20:1-17

(see insert)

Sermon "You Shall"

Hymn: STJ (green) #49 Rain down

Benediction

**We are people of God.
We go in God's love
to extend God's love
and live God's promise.**

Lenten theme: Our theme is "Between Me & You." This is about relationships, including covenants, between God, creation and each other.

***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.***

Headsets for hearing assistance are available from the ushers.

Childcare (infants to age 4): Staffed childcare is available in the nursery during the 10:45 Service. The nursery is located next to the sanctuary. Infant change table is located in washroom next to nursery. Ushers can direct you.

Children's Worship Binder, an instrument to help children through the worship service, is available by the sanctuary entrance.

Offering: Thank you to 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 in the 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.

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.