

WATERLOO NORTH MENNONITE CHURCH

May 27, 2018, 10:45 a.m.



**A Service of
Child Dedication
and
Baptism**

Gathering Hymns

HWB (blue) #579 Lift every voice and sing

HWB (blue) #48 All creatures of our God and King* (vv.1,2,3,5)

Welcome, Introductions and Announcements

Call to Worship and Invocation

Hymn: HWB (blue) #1 What is this place*

Time with the Children

CHILD DEDICATION

Parents' blessing

Children's response: We will be your friends. In Sunday School, Soul Food, worship and other church activities, we will learn to know you, to love God and to support each other.

Congregational response: You have offered your children to the strong and tender care of God and to the nurture of the church. We rejoice with you and give thanks for the gift of your children. We welcome them into our church family.

We promise to pray for, support and encourage your children and you on this sacred journey of parenthood. We pray that our shared life and witness can help to make your parenting both joyful and fulfilling.

GIVING AND RECEIVING

Hymn: STS (purple) #42 Our Father, which art in heaven*

Offering

Hymn: STJ (green) #49 Rain down*

Scripture Reading Philippians 2:1-11

Congregational Prayer

BAPTISM

Invitation litany: STJ (green) #166

Baptismal vows

Minister: As you come to receive the waters of baptism, let us hear your declaration.

Candidate: By the grace of God, I surrender myself to be a follower of Christ.

Minister: You are supported by a cloud of witnesses.
Hear the pledge of your family of faith.

Congregation: As followers of Christ, trusting in God's grace, we rejoice with you. We will pray for you. And, we will walk with you in the way of Jesus.

Baptism

Prayer of Blessing

Hymn: HWB (blue) #545 Be thou my vision (vv.1,2,4,5)

Benediction

Please come to the front, following the service to offer the right hand of fellowship.

***indicates hymns chosen by the baptismal candidates**

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.

Live Streaming: We are live streaming the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service. Only a recording of the sermon will remain on our website for later viewing. To access live streaming or sermon, go to our website, click on *Stay Connected* and select *Live Stream*. Please share with Gordon any concerns or questions you may have.

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.

Philippians 2:1-11 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

***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.***
