

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, July 15, 2018, 9:30 a.m.

Gathering Hymns:

HWB (blue) #17 We gather together

HWB (blue) #37 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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, O God, Creator of all things.

People: We enter your presence Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Leader: Be present with us Holy Spirit, our comforter and guide.

**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: Let us pray together in confession:

People: Merciful God,

**We have not loved you with our whole hearts
nor our neighbours as ourselves.**

(STJ #131)

**We break your commandments rather than
practice and teach them.**

(Matt 5:19)

We trust in our own wisdom and strength.

(1Cor 1:25)

We repent and long for your blessing.

Silence

Words of Assurance:

Leader: God turns to us and hears our cry.

(Psalm 40:1)

Jesus, the Lamb of God, takes away our sins

(John 1:29)

**People: We are God's people and God's Spirit lives in us
so that our light might shine.**

(1Cor 3:16)

(Matt 5:16)

Hymn: STJ (green) #54 Longing for light

Children's time

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: HWB (blue) #307 Will you let me be your servant

Offering Prayer: STJ (green) #148

Offering

Scripture Exodus 3:7-8,10-11; 4:1-5 and John 6:5-13

(see last page)

Hymn: HWB (blue) #352 Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us

Sermon "Your Hands"

Hymn of Response: STJ (green) #87 Put peace into each other's hands

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.

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.

Headsets for hearing assistance are available from the ushers.

Childcare (infants to age 4): 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.

Information Sheets with church news and activities are available in the foyer for those who do not receive them electronically.

Live Streaming: We are live streaming the 9:30 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.

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.



Excerpts from Exodus 3-4 (NLT)

The Lord said to Moses, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cries for deliverance from their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come to rescue them from the Egyptians, and to bring them out of Egypt to a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey... So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” ... “Suppose they do not believe me or listen to me, but say, ‘The Lord did not appear to you.’” The Lord said to him, “What do you have in your hand?” Moses said, “A staff.” And the Lord said, “Throw it on the ground.” So he threw the staff on the ground, and it became a snake; and Moses drew back from it. Then the Lord said to Moses, “Reach out your hand, and seize it by the tail.” So Moses reached out his hand and grasped it, and it once again became a staff in his hand. God said, “Perform this sign and they will believe that the Lord, the God of their ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.”

John 6:5-13 (NLT)

Jesus saw a huge crowd of people coming to look for him. Turning to Philip, he asked, “Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?” ...

Philip replied, “Even if we had several month's wages, we wouldn't have enough money to feed them!”

Then Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up. “There's a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?”

“Tell everyone to sit down,” Jesus said. So they all sat down on the grassy slopes. (The men alone numbered about 5,000.) Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and distributed them to the people. Afterward he did the same with the fish. And they all ate as much as they wanted. After everyone was full, Jesus told his disciples, “Now gather the leftovers, so that nothing is wasted.” So they picked up the pieces and filled twelve baskets with scraps left by the people who had eaten from the five barley loaves.