

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, August 26, 2018, 9:30 a.m.

Gathering Hymns:

HWB (blue) #89 For the beauty of the earth

HWB (blue) #16 God is here among us

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) #42 Listen, God is calling

Children's time

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: HWB STJ (green) #54 Longing for Light

Offering

Scripture Reading Psalm 84

(see last page)

Hymn: HWB (blue) #1 What is this place vs 1&2

Sermon "How lovely is your dwelling place"

Silence

Hymn of Response: HWB (blue) #325 Creating God, your fingers trace
Benediction

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.

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.

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.

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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.

Psalm 84 (NRSV)

¹ How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

² My soul longs, indeed it faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

³ Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

⁴ Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise. *Selah*

⁵ Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

⁶ As they go through the valley of Baca
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.

⁷ They go from strength to strength;
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

⁸ O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob! *Selah*

⁹ Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed.

¹⁰ For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.

¹¹ For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
he bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does the LORD withhold
from those who walk uprightly.

¹² O LORD of hosts,
happy is everyone who trusts in you.

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.
