

Gathering Hymns:

STJ (green) #18 Over my head

HWB (blue) #14 Come, we that love the Lord

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: HWB (blue) #332 Blessed assurance

Children's time

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: HWB (blue) #41 Come, thou Almighty King

Offering

Scripture Reading Song of Solomon 2:8-13

(see last page)

Hymn: HWB (blue) #366 God of grace and God of glory

Sermon "Spicy Hot"

Silence

Hymn of Response: STJ (green) #108 Give thanks for life

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.

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.

Song of Solomon 2:8-13 (NIV)

- ⁸ Listen! My beloved!
Look! Here he comes,
leaping across the mountains,
bounding over the hills.
- ⁹ My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.
Look! There he stands behind our wall,
gazing through the windows,
peering through the lattice.
- ¹⁰ My beloved spoke and said to me,
“Arise, my darling,
my beautiful one, come with me.
- ¹¹ See! The winter is past;
the rains are over and gone.
- ¹² Flowers appear on the earth;
the season of singing has come,
the cooing of doves
is heard in our land.
- ¹³ The fig tree forms its early fruit;
the blossoming vines spread their fragrance.
Arise, come, my darling;
my beautiful one, come with me.”

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.