

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

Gathering Hymns:

HWB (blue) #90 For the fruit of all creation

STJ (green) #5 Come and be light for our eyes

Welcome, Introduction, Announcements

Call to Worship Matthew 5:1-12

(see last page)

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: STJ (green) #51 As tranquil streams

Children's time

Rite of passage for those turning 2

Rite of passage for those entering Grade 1

Hymn: STS (purple) #40 Som'landela (We will follow)

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Hymn: HWB (blue) #226 You are salt for the earth

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:13-16

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Sermon "Intro to Sermon on the Mount"

Hymn of Response STS (purple) #124 My soul cries out

Benediction

Fall Theme

WHERE IS JESUS GOING: ARE WE GOING TO FOLLOW?

The Ministry Team Fall theme is based on the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). Examining these three chapters will show us "followers of Christ" the way of Jesus, where and how he goes. Indeed, it should also force us to analyze our journey in order to determine if we really are followers. Each Sunday in September will deal with aspects of this theme. Everyone is encouraged to daily read these passages, pausing to consider the radical implications of Jesus' challenges for us.

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.

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.

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.

Matthew 5:1-12 (NRSV)

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:13-16 (NRSV)

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

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.
