

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, September 23, 2018, 9:30 a.m.

Gathering Hymns:

HWB (blue) #1 What is this place

HWB (blue) #47 Earth and all stars vs.1,2,4,5

Announcements and Introduction

Welcome

Call to Worship: The Beatitudes

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

Children's time

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

Offering

Installation of Carmen Brubacher and Kendra Whitfield Ellis (*insert*)

Reading of our congregational covenant (*last page*)

Hymn: HWB (blue) #414 God, who stretched

Congregational Prayer

Sermon

Hymn of Response HWB (blue) #118 Praise God from whom

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.

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.

OUR COVENANT

In gratitude to the God who has called us, we respond with joy in the following covenant:

WE BELIEVE in God, Creator and Sustainer
and in Christ Jesus his Son, our Lord
and in the Holy Spirit, the companion of every believer.

WE RESOLVE to be a worshipping community
of Christ's disciples
whose life together illustrates God's mercy
as we care for one another.

WE DECLARE that God calls us to be faithful caretakers
of the resources and gifts which each has received
from God's bountiful hand.

WE COMMIT ourselves to making visible God's kingdom
by calling people to faith in Christ
and by promoting justice and peace in God's world.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE with joy that only by God's grace
can we live this new life in Christ
and to that newness of life we commit ourselves.