

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, September 30 2018, 10:45 a.m.

Gathering Hymns:

HWB (blue) #17 We gather together

STJ (green) #96 I'm pressing on the upward way

Welcome, Introduction, Announcements

Call to Worship STJ (green) #134

Children's time

Hymn: HWB (blue) #372 O healing river

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Hymn: STJ (green) #56 Make me a channel of your peace

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:38-48

(see last page)

Sermon *Enemies??? Really??? Love them??? Really???*

Hymn of Response HWB (blue) #407 We are people...

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 5:38-48 (NRSV)

³⁸ “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ ³⁹ But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; ⁴⁰ and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; ⁴¹ and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. ⁴² Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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.
