



*I am the vine
you are the branches*

John 15.5

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday January 27, 2019, 10:45 a.m.

Abiding in the vine and bearing fruit: during the season of Epiphany, we will explore the spiritual legacy of the Anabaptists, forebears of the Mennonites, by exploring the themes of regeneration, scripture, discipleship, nonresistance, and community.

Gathering hymns:

HWB (blue) #85 Now thank we all our God

HWB (blue) #72 When all thy mercies, O my God

Welcome, introductions and announcements

Call to worship: HWB (blue) #669 *(responsive reading)*

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: HWB (blue) #507 Gracious Spirit, dwell with me

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: HWB (blue) #76 Je louerai l'Éternel

Offering

Children's time

Hymn: HWB (blue) #438 I sing with exultation

Scripture reading: Ezekiel 36:24-27; John 3:1-7 *(see last page)*

Sermon: *"Inside Out or Outside In?"*

Hymn: HWB (blue) #506 I sought the Lord

Benediction

Hymn: STJ (green) #76 The Lord bless you and keep 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.

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.

Ezekiel 36:24-27 (NRSV)

²⁴ I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances.

John 3:1-7 (NRSV)

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’”