

I am the vine you are the branches

John 15.5

Waterloo North Mennonite Church Sunday February 17, 2019, 10:45 a.m. Anabaptism: Non-resistance

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:

STJ (green) #108 Give thanks for life STJ (green) #97 The Lord is my light

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: STJ (green) #120 (responsive reading)

Hymn of Invocation: STJ (green) #46 O breathe on me, O breath of God

(vs. 1-3)

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: STS (purple) #67 Khudaya, rahem kar (Have mercy on us, Lord)

Children's time

Offering

Hymn: STS (purple) #39 Will you come and follow me

Scripture reading: Matthew 26:51-53, Romans 12:18-21 (see last page)

Sermon: "Radical Intention"

Hymn of Response: HWB (blue) #407 We are people of God's peace

Benediction

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.

Matthew 26:51-53 (NRSV)

⁵¹ Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁵² Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³ Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?

Romans 12:18-21 (NRSV)

¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; ^[a] for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.