

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday March 10, 2019, 10:45 a.m.
Lent 1: God's hand delivers us

Focus Statement: When we enter the wilderness of wandering and temptation, God's hand delivers us. We confess our trust in a saving God.

Gathering hymns:

STS (purple) #1 Praise the One who breaks...

STJ (green) #1 We sing to you, O God

Welcome, Announcements and Introductions

Call to Worship

Leader: O God, you are our God. We seek you.

**People: Our souls thirst for you
as in a dry and weary land
where there is no water.**

Leader: We trust in the Lord, who is our refuge,
who commands his angels to guard us.

**People: God delivers and protects us when we are in
trouble.**

**All: O God, you satisfy our souls as with a rich feast.
In the shadow of your wings, we sing for joy, and
you uphold us.**

Scripture reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 *(see insert)*

Children's Time

HWB (blue) #596 And I will raise you up

Congregational Prayer

Scripture Reading: Luke 4:1-13 *(see insert)*

Sermon: *"Release"*

Hymn of response: HWB (blue) #575 Precious Lord...

Confession & Reconciliation

Leader: Scripture says, 'No one who believes in God will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on God. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' Who will call upon the Lord today?

All: *We will call upon the Lord today.*

Leader: We are all invited to call upon the Lord today. Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer.

All: *Saving God, we call upon you, for you alone can save. When we find ourselves wandering in a wilderness, we call to you.*

Leader: When we face temptations, we call to you. When our souls hunger for what only you can provide, we call to you.

All: *In the morning and in the evening, we will call upon the Lord.*

Leader: Our generous God provides for us.

Benediction

Sending hymn: HWB (blue) #429 Go now in peace

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.

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (NRSV)

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Luke 4:1-13 (NRSV)

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” ⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” ⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ ¹¹ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” ¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.