

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Matins Season after Pentecost Order of Service
Sunday, September 22, 2019, 8:30 a.m.

For silent reflection in preparation for worship:

"And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly."
(Luke 16:8)

GATHERING

Prelude

Opening the Bible

Welcome:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Invocation:

Leader: We enter your presence Eternal God, Creator of all that is.

People: We enter your presence Jesus Christ, our living Lord.

Leader: Be present with us Holy Spirit, our comforter and guide.

**All: To the one true God, eternally three in one,
be praise in all times and places,
through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silence

PRAISE

Hymn of Praise HWB (blue) #120 Holy, holy, holy! *(rise)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

(remain standing)

Leader: Be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God, O people! *(Joel 2:23)*

**People: We sing our thanksgiving to the Lord,
for he does marvelous things.** *(Ps 98:1)*

**The Lord gives us great gifts of life and food.
The Lord raises the poor from the dust.** *(Ps 113:7)*

**The Lord welcomes the lonely and rejected,
and encourages the anxious who put their trust in him.**

**We sing our thanksgiving to the Lord,
for he does marvelous things! Amen.**

Hymn of Praise STS (purple) #113 I will stand in the congregation

(be seated after singing)

Leader: Let us join together in reading the Psalm.

Psalm 113

Leader: Hallelujah! You who serve God, serve God!
Just to speak God's name is praise!
Just to remember God is a blessing – now and tomorrow and always.

**People: From east to west, from dawn to dusk,
keep lifting all your praises to God!**

Leader: God is higher than anything and anyone,
outshining everything you can see in the skies.

**People: Who can compare with God, our God, so majestically enthroned,
Surveying God's magnificent heavens and earth?**

Leader: God picks up the poor from out of the dirt,
rescues the wretched who've been thrown out with the trash,
Seats them among the honoured guests,
a place of honour among the brightest and best.

**People: God gives childless couples a family,
gives them joy as the parents of children.
Hallelujah!**

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

Silence

CONFESSION

Leader: O Lord, our sins testify against us! (Jer 14:7)

**People: In our pride and self-importance (Hab 2:4)
we have perverted judgment and understanding. (Hab 1:4)**

In trusting our own goals to give us life

**we have relied on our own strength,
instead of on your wisdom and power.**

Do not remember our iniquity! (Jer 14:10)

Leader: Jesus, Lamb of God, pour out your mercy on us.

People: Jesus, Bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus, Redeemer of the world, give us peace. (HWB #702)

All: Amen.

Silence

Hymn: Kyrie HWB (blue) #144

(remain seated)

Words of Assurance

Leader: In spite of our iniquity the Lord remains in our midst and brings healing to us if we revere the name of the Lord. (Jer 14:9)
(Mal 4:2)

Response to Assurance

All: **God is our salvation. We will trust and not be afraid, so that by the power of God we live up to our calling and do not grow weary of doing what is right. Amen.** (Is 12:2)
(2Thess 1:11)
(2Thess 3:13)

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:
I leave you peace, my peace I give you.
Look not to our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom
where you live forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Before we offer the peace of Christ to each other,
we especially welcome guests to Waterloo North today.

Introduction of Visitors *(Please speak loudly so that all can hear.)*

Leader: Let us offer each other the sign of Christ's peace.

Passing the Peace of Christ *(rise)*

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: As we prepare to listen to God's Word let us pray:
Gracious God

All: **Prepare our hearts to accept your Word.
Silence in us any voice but your own;
that hearing, we may be transformed
by the Good News of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Reader: Hear the word of the Lord from the book of Jeremiah.

READ Jeremiah 8:18–9:1.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Silence

Reader: Hear the word of the Lord from the Epistle to Timothy.

READ 1 Timothy 2:1-7.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Silence

Reader: Hear the word of the Lord from the Gospel of Luke.

Hymn to greet the Gospel HWB (blue) #101 Alleluia *(rise)*

READ Luke 16:1-13.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

Silence

(be seated with the reader)

Homily

Silence

Hymn of Response STJ (green) #54 Longing for light *(vs 1, 2, 5)*

(rise)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Life of the Church: Announcements.

Leader: As we enter our time of prayer this morning, let us share experiences of God's presence and lift our prayers of gratitude to God. These are some events for gratitude in the life of our congregation and our world...

Leader: Lord for your goodness and mercy

People: We give you thanks.

Leader: What witness to God's presence or prayers of thanksgiving do you bring this morning? *(Please speak loudly so that all can hear.)*

People: audible sharing or sentence prayers *(e.g. "I give thanks..."; "I saw God..")*

Leader: Lord for your goodness and mercy

People: We give you thanks.

Leader: Jesus said: "Ask and it will be given you,
Search and you will find;
Knock and the door will be opened for you."

Leader: Let us gather our prayers of petition as we lift them to God. These are some events and concerns for prayer in the life of our congregation and our world ...

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: Hear our prayers.

Leader: What are the prayers of petition that you bring this morning?

People: audible sentence prayers *(e.g. "I hold in prayer ...")*

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: Hear our prayers.

Leader: By your death and resurrection you show us that love is stronger than hate. We pray for our torn and troubled world. May peace and unity grow where hatred and suffering now prevail.

Silent Prayer

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: Hear our prayers.

Leader: By your words and life you invite us to seek your kingdom. We pray that the church in all places may be faithful to you and that we in this congregation may embody your mission to the world.

Silent Prayer

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: Hear our prayers.

Leader: By your healing power you bring restoration, hope and comfort.
We pray for ourselves and those dear to us who seek healing
of body, mind, spirit or relationships.

Silent Prayer

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: Hear our prayers.

Leader: We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray:

All: Lord's Prayer *(see last page)*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Let us speak the affirmation of our faith together:

**People: We believe in God above us,
Maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon,
of water and earth,
of male and female.
We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth,
to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven
to be everywhere present,
and his kingdom will come on earth.
We believe in God with us,
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving Breath of the church
spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.**

(adapted, Iona Abbey Worship Book)

SENDING

Hymn of Benediction STS (purple) #57 Go, my friends, in grace *(rise)*

Benediction

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord in all things.

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding
guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus,
until he comes again. Amen.

*(Phil 4:4,7)
(be seated)*

Silence

Closing the Bible

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Abide in God's love, seek justice and go in peace.

All: Amen.

Offering: as an act of sharing with the world what you have received from God's bountiful hand you are invited to place your offering in the basket as you leave the sanctuary.

*Scriptures for next week: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 146;
1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31.*

***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.

Nursery: The nursery is located next to the sanctuary. Infant change table is located in the washroom next to nursery. The nursery is unstaffed during Matins.

Information Sheets with church news and activities are available in the foyer for those who do not receive them electronically.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Adapted from a chant by
Richard Langdon, c. 1729-1808

Our Fath - er Who art in heav'n, hal - low - ed
be Thy name; Thy king - dom come; Thy will be
done in earth, as it is in heav'n; Give us this
day our dai - ly bread; And for - give us our
debts, as we for - give our debt - ors, as we for - give our
debt - ors; And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de -
liv - er us from e - vil; For Thine is the king - dom, and the
power and the glo - ry for ev - er. A - men

The musical score is written in a two-staff system (treble and bass clefs) with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are placed below the notes. The music consists of a series of chords and simple melodic lines, typical of a hymn or chant. The final line ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.