

Matthew 3:13-17

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

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.

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, January 12, 2020, 9:30 am

Gathering Hymns

Hymn HWB (blue) #46 I sing the mighty power of God

Hymn HWB (blue) #145 There's a wideness in God's mercy

Introductions and Announcements

Opening the Bible

Call to Worship

Leader: Open our ears

All: to hear your word.

Leader: Open our eyes

All: to see your presence.

Leader: Open our arms

All: to the embrace of community.

Leader: Open our minds

All: to the beauty of truth.

Leader: Open our hearts

All: to the joy of new life.

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Hymn STJ (green) #10 Spirit, working in creation *(rise)*

Confession

Leader: Oh Lord, we confess too often we follow the law *(Matt 5:17)*
without the Spirit of Light.

All: We are as infants in Christ without growing to know *(I Cor 3:1)*
the mystery of love that is birthed in Christ.

Open our hearts, O Lord, to the inward Light
that will show us the path to service. *(Is. 42,49)*

Hymn HWB (blue) #144 Kyrie *(remain seated)*

Words of Assurance

Leader: God reveals God's self in transfigured Light
if we but open our eyes to see. *(II Peter 1:16-18)*

Response to Assurance

All: God's love rests on us like the Dove of Spirit *(John 1: 32-34)*
sent in Christ's baptism. We, too, seek
to live in that power of Spirit which is the
opening to grace and truth in Love. Amen.

Hymn STJ (green) #53 O God in Heaven *(rise)*

Children's Time

Congregational Prayer

Offering

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.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 3:13-17 *(see last page)*

Homily

Hymn of Response HWB (blue) #442 Christ be with me *(rise)*

Benediction