

## Matthew 3:13-17

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

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*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.*

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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