

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, June 30, 2019 9:30 a.m.

Gathering Hymn: HWB (blue) #76 Je louerai l'Éternel (Praise, I will praise...)
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

We Come Together to Worship:

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: HWB (blue) #661

Hymn: STJ (green) #54 Longing for light

We Come Before God in Confession:

Leader: Gracious God, hear our confession.

**People: Our faith is uncertain, our forgiveness slow,
our conviction is weak, our compassion wavering.**

Show us your mercy.

Help us show mercy.

(HWB 703, abridged)

Words of Assurance

Leader: God says, "I will heal your disloyalty and love you freely."

(Hos 14.4)

Jesus said "Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid."

(Mt 14.27)

People: Therefore, if God is for us who can be against us?

(Rom 8:31)

**In Christ we have been given new hope and new life,
and to this newness of life we commit ourselves.**

Amen.

(WNMC Covenant)

Hymn: STS (purple) #111 For me to live is Christ

We Come Before God in Prayer:

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: HWB (blue) #130 O God of mystery and might

We Hear God's Word and Respond:

Children's Time

Hymn: STS (purple) #40 Som'landela (We will follow)

Scripture Reading: Luke 9:51-62

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Hymn: STS (purple) #81 When we are tempted

Sermon *“I will follow Jesus, but...”*

Hymn of Response: HWB (blue) #541 How clear is our vocation, Lord

Offering and Offertory

Sending: STJ (green) #158

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.

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.

Luke 9:51-62 (NRSV)

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³ but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹ To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰ But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

⁶¹ Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶² Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

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.