

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, July 7, 2019 9:30 a.m.

Gathering Hymns:

STJ (green) #4 You've got a place

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

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.

Introductions and Announcements

Call to Worship

Invocation: HWB (blue) #661

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)

Silence

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: STJ (green) #78 Sizohamba naye (We will walk with God)

Children's Time

Congregational Prayer

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

Offering

Scripture Reading 2Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30:4-12

(see insert)

Hymn: HWB (blue) #45 I cannot dance, O Love

Sermon "Dance Partners"

Hymn of Response: HWB (blue) #585 In your sickness

Benediction

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.

Headsets for hearing assistance are available from the ushers.

Nursery is located next to the sanctuary. Infant change table is located in washroom next to nursery. Ushers can direct you. The nursery is unstaffed in the summer.

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.

Live Streaming: We are live streaming the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Only a recording of the sermon will remain on our website for later viewing.

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.

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.

2nd Kings 5:1-14 (NRSV)

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy."

⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Psalm 30:4-12 (NRSV)

⁴ Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.

⁵ For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

⁶ As for me, I said in my prosperity,
“I shall never be moved.”

⁷ By your favor, O LORD,
you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.

⁸ To you, O LORD, I cried,
and to the LORD I made supplication:

⁹ “What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the Pit?

Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?

¹⁰ Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me!
O LORD, be my helper!”

¹¹ You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,

¹² so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.