

Waterloo North Mennonite Church  
Sunday, August 18, 2019, 9:30 a.m.

**Gathering Hymns:**

**STS (purple) #40 Som'landela (We will follow)**  
**STJ (green) #2 Hamba nathi (Come, walk with us)**

**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

**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) #23 Slowly turning, ever turning**

Children's Time

**Hymn: I will study your teachings**

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Scripture Reading Luke 12:49-56

*(see last page)*

Sermon "The Continued Call to Decision"

## Hymn of Response: STS (purple) #39 Will you come and follow me

### Benediction

**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.

**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.*

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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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## Luke 12:49-56 (NRSV)

<sup>49</sup>“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided:

father against son  
and son against father,  
mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”