

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, September 1, 2019, 9:30 a.m.

Gathering Hymns:

HWB (blue) #37 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

HWB (blue) #17 We gather together

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: STS (green) #54 Longing for light

Children's Time

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: HWB (blue) #76 Praise, I will praise you, Lord (Je louerai l'Eternel)

Offering

Scripture Reading Luke 14:1, 7-14

(see last page)

Sermon "Getting bumped to First Class"

Hymn of Response: HWB (blue) #307 Will you let me be your servant

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.

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.

Luke 14:1, 7-14 (NRSV)

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”