



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

Welcoming: Opening the Door

“Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God” (Romans 15:7)

Head Spirituality

Gathering Hymns:

HWB (blue) #1 What is this place
HWB (blue) #6 Here in this place

Welcome, Introduction, Announcements

Moment in Mission – *The Mennonite Story*

Call to Worship:

Leader: What does it mean to open our door?

**People: To open the door is to greet the world
with generous hospitality instead of fear.**

Leader: Welcoming is messy. It is risky.
It requires vulnerability and embraces diversity.

**People: It changes and challenges us. It is what Christ
has done for us and calls us to do.**

Hymn: HWB (blue) #322 For we are strangers no more

Children’s time *(see insert)*

Rite of passage for those turning 2*

Rite of passage for those entering Grade 1**

Camp Song: “Love the Lord your God”

Offering

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: HWB (blue) #306 In Christ there is no East or West

Scripture Reading Isaiah 56:1-8 *(see insert)*

Sermon “How to Welcome”

Hymn of Response: This is God’s Wondrous World *(see insert)*

Benediction

Fall Theme

WELCOMING: OPENING THE DOOR

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for the glory of God. Romans 15:7*

This fall we are invited to respond to God’s call to open the door. One way to practice this risky hospitality is to become more aware of the various ways we come to God. Our four worship services in September will be shaped around different spirituality types: head, heart, mystic, and service/action. To a certain extent we each embrace all of them, but we can also feel more at home in one or two and perhaps slightly uncomfortable in others. Helping each other feel at home with God and God’s people is part of radical hospitality. May we follow Christ’s example and find courage, creativity, and grace to prop our doors open together!

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.

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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