



Waterloo North Mennonite Church  
Sunday, September 22, 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)*

**Mystic Spirituality**

**Gathering Hymns:**

**HWB (blue) #89 For the beauty of the earth**

**STJ (green) #112 I owe my Lord a morning song**

Announcements, Introduction, Welcome

**Invocation: STJ (green) #124**

**Hymn: HWB (blue) #483 O God, who gives us life**

Children's time

**Hymn: STJ (green) #59 Come and fill our hearts**

Congregational Prayer

Scripture Reading 1 Kings 19:11-13

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**Hymn: STS (purple) #49 I will come to you in the silence**

Sermon "Welcoming Divine Encounters"

Silence

**Hymn of Response: HWB (blue) #349 Spirit of the Living...**

Benediction

*\*Leave offering in the baskets as you exit the sanctuary.*

**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!

**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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*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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## Scripture Reading

1 Kings 19:11-13 (NRSV)

<sup>11</sup> He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup> and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"