

Gathering Hymns:

HWB (blue) #117 Fairest Lord Jesus

HWB (blue) #42 All people that on earth do dwell

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Call to Worship & Invocation: STJ (green) #122 (in unison)

Hymn: HWB (blue) #165 A mighty fortress is our God

Offering

Hymn: HWB (blue) #163 Obey my voice

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 10:12-19 (see last page)

Sermon "Strange Thing"

Hymn: HWB (blue) #166 I'll praise my Maker

Children's Time

Congregational Prayer

Sending Hymn: HWB (blue) #322 For we are strangers...

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.

Fall Theme

WELCOMING: OPENING THE DOOR

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, 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.

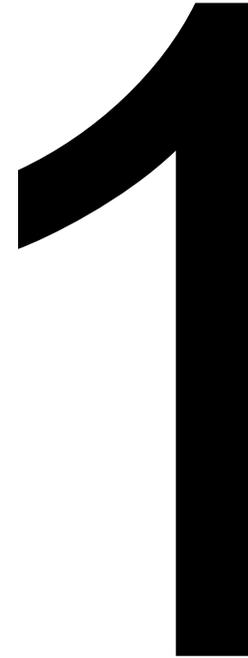
Offering: Thank you to those who contribute electronically. Offering cards are available (or use loose change/cash) so that you can participate in the giving of offering worship experience.

Deuteronomy 10:12-19 (NRSV)

¹² So now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you? Only to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³ and to keep the commandments of the LORD your God and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being. ¹⁴ Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the LORD your God, the earth with all that is in it, ¹⁵ yet the LORD set his heart in love on your ancestors alone and chose you, their descendants after them, out of all the peoples, as it is today. ¹⁶ Circumcise, then, the foreskin of your heart, and do not be stubborn any longer. ¹⁷ For the

LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, ¹⁸ who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. ¹⁹ You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

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.



Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, September 29, 2019, 9:30 a.m.

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Service/Action Spirituality

Prayer

Leader: God of judgment and mercy,
We draw near to you,
And pray that you will draw near to us.
Hear our confession.

Middle: Our hands need cleansing,
For they have participated in systems
Of injustice and violence.

Sides: Our hearts need purifying
For they have been wooed
By the power and hatred of the world.

**All: We have exalted the proud and powerful,
Put down the weak
Saturated the rich with good things,
Neglected the poor
We have helped ourselves.**

(Excerpts from HWB #703 & STS #169)

Silence