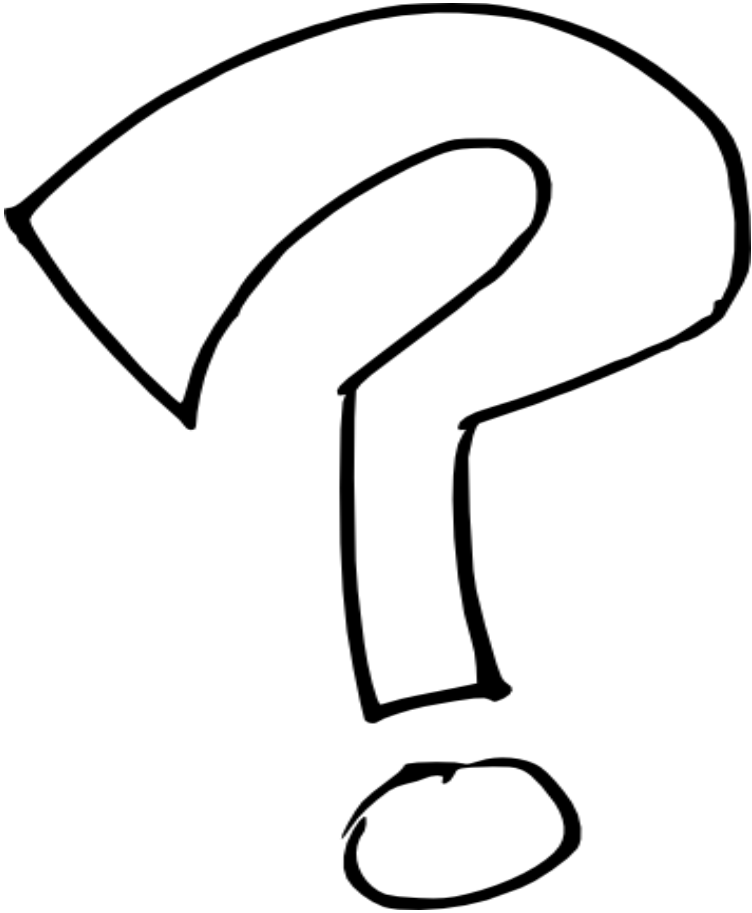


**What's so good about  
the Good News:**



**Peace**

Waterloo North Mennonite Church  
Sunday, November 10, 2019, 10:45 a.m.

## GATHERING

### **Gathering Hymns:**

**HWB (blue) #46 I sing the mighty power of God**  
**HWB (blue) #407 We are people of God's peace**

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

Gardener God,  
you have planted and protected us by your faithful hand.  
Send us the sap of your grace from Christ, the true Vine,  
and make us blossom  
and bear the fruit of love  
as a sign of your life in us.

Let the sweet fragrance of the shoots you have planted  
give you praise forever. Amen.

**Hymn: HWB (blue) #96 We plow the fields and scatter**

## LISTENING

Scripture: Ezekiel 34:17-31; James 3:18 *(see last page)*

Children's Time

**Hymn: STJ (green) #87 Put peace into each...**

Sermon "*On the Table*"

## RESPONDING

**Hymn of Response: The Kingdom by Our Daily Bread**  
*(see insert)*

Congregational Prayer

**Litany of Commitment** *(see insert)*

Offering

## SENDING

**Hymn: HWB (blue) #367 For the healing of the nations**

Benediction

\*Peace tree created by Soul Food.

The theme for October-November worship is **“What’s so good about the Good News?”** We will explore words/concepts foundational to Christianity and what they mean for us today – holding the question, how is this “good news”?

**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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## **Ezekiel 34:17-31** (NRSV)

<sup>17</sup> As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats: <sup>18</sup> Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, but you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture? When you drink of clear water, must you foul the rest with your feet? <sup>19</sup> And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have fouled with your feet?

<sup>20</sup> Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup> Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup> I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

<sup>23</sup> I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

<sup>25</sup> I will make with them a covenant of peace and banish wild animals from the land, so that they may live in the wild and sleep in the woods securely. <sup>26</sup> I will make them and the region around my hill a blessing; and I will send down the showers in their season; they shall be showers of blessing. <sup>27</sup> The trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase. They shall be secure on their soil; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I break the bars of their yoke, and save them from the hands of those who enslaved them. <sup>28</sup> They shall no more be plunder for the nations, nor shall the animals of the land devour them; they shall live in safety, and no one shall make them afraid. <sup>29</sup> I will provide for them a splendid vegetation so that they shall no more be consumed with hunger in the land, and no longer suffer the insults of the nations. <sup>30</sup> They shall know that I, the LORD their God, am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, says the Lord GOD. <sup>31</sup> You are my sheep, the sheep of my pasture<sup>[a]</sup> and I am your God, says the Lord GOD.

## **James 3:18** (NRSV)

<sup>18</sup> And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for<sup>[a]</sup> those who make peace.

# The Kingdom by Our Daily Bread

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Words by Matthew Bailey-Dick (inspired by Ezekiel 34:17-31).

[Sung to the tune of "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" (Doxology).]

The kingdom by our daily bread.  
Will come on earth as we are led.  
To bring our faith to every meal.  
And make God's peace and justice real.

We follow Jesus every day,  
And by God's Word we find our way.  
To plant and buy and cook our food.  
Then, Spirit-led, we seek the good.

Confess we now our reckless greed.  
We trample to fulfill our need.  
Why do we grab for food that's cheap  
While earth decays and farmers weep?

The splendid gift of bounteous land.  
The promised freedom by God's hand.  
The covenant is made for peace,  
And for the fruit of earth's increase.

We plant and harvest by God's will.  
That everyone may eat their fill.  
That wilderness and fruitful field.  
By grace will peace and justice yield.

# Litany of Commitment

Leader: Our worship service began with praise. Now we bolster our praise with commitment. Because it is from God's creation that we are given the gift of food...

**All: We commit to celebrate all of God's creation.**

Leader: Because we have the opportunity to make peace all the way from the field to the table...

**All: We commit to explore the connection between eating and peacemaking.**

Leader: Because the Holy Spirit leads us forward...

**All: We commit to honour the questions and seek God's guidance.**

Leader: Because the Living Word is always with us...

**All: We commit to study the Bible.**

Leader: Because our communities are rich with experience and wisdom...

**All: We commit to strengthen relationships with our local food producers.**

Leader: Because we are disciples who choose to follow Jesus every day...

**All: We commit to work for justice through our daily food choices.**

Leader: Because we worship the Lord of life and the Prince of Peace ...

**All: We commit to follow in the way of Jesus Christ.**

Leader: May God add a blessing to our commitments today.

**All: Amen.**