

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

Gathering Hymns

Insert: We Three Kings

STS (purple) #32 Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Responsive Reading (from Psalm 148)

Leader: Praise the Lord from the heavens;

**People: the sun, moon, and stars and all the angels
praise the Lord!**

Leader: Praise the Lord from the earth;

**People: the mountains and the valleys,
the creatures above and below;
they all praise the Lord!**

Leader: Young and old, women and men,
let us all praise the Lord.

**All: *Let us all praise the Lord,
for the Lord's name alone is exalted above all.
The Lord God is faithful. Praise the Lord!***

Theme Song: STS (purple) #15 Hope is a candle

Children's Time

Hymn: STJ (green) #14 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song
(remain seated)

Offering

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: HWB (blue) #167 For God so loved us

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9; Hebrews 2:14-18 *(see insert)*

Sermon

Hymn of Response: HWB (blue) #71 Joyful, joyful we adore...

Prayer

Sending

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.

Isaiah 63:7-9 (NRSV)

⁷ I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD,
the praiseworthy acts of the LORD,
because of all that the LORD has done for us,
and the great favor to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

⁸ For he said, “Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely”;
and he became their savior

⁹ in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel
but his presence that saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Hebrews 2:14-18 (NRSV)

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.

¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.