

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, February 2, 2020, 10:45 a.m.
Called to Justice

Gathering Hymns:

HWB (blue) #367 For the healing of the nations

INSERT: Impartial, Compassionate God of All Lives

Welcome, Visitors, Announcements

Call to Worship: (HWB (blue) #664, adapted)

Leader: Watch! Wait!
The day of God is at hand!

**People: Like the bud on a tree,
God's possibilities are about to blossom!**

Leader: Stay awake!
The reign of God is very near.

**People: We are here,
watching and working with hope.**

**ALL: *May God work through us to bring justice to
all people on this day.
May God's reign come on earth
as in heaven.***

Silence

Hymn: HWB (blue) #294 Dona nobis pacem Domine

Congregational Prayer

Hymn INSERT: I Met a Stranger On the Road

Children's Time

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:1-12; Micah 6:1-8 (see insert)

STS (purple) #54 What does the Lord require of you?

Sermon "The Essence of it All"

Hymn of Response: STJ (green) #78 Sizohamba naye

Offering

Sending Hymn: STJ (green) #76 The Lord bless you...

Benediction

In this season of Epiphany, we will explore key moments from the Life of Christ and how we are called to bring our whole selves, to accept our whole selves and to serve God with our whole selves.

To help us more deeply experience the theme for this series, we are using one to two projected images each Sunday. The images include many styles of art from different cultures. The images all come from the collection *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN, and are reprinted by permission.

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.

Matthew 5:1-12 (NRSV)

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Micah 6:1-8 (NRSV)

¹ Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

² Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³ “O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶ “With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?