Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, March 1, 2020, 10:45 a.m.
Lent 1
Show us your hiding place in the thick of temptation

Focus statement: God's boundaries are wise and protective. When we push through them, surrendering to temptation, our vulnerabilities are exposed. Show us, Jesus, through fasting and Scripture how we can grow stronger through temptation and remain true to the calling of God in our lives.

Gathering Hymns:
  Hymn: HWB (blue) #16   God is here among us
  Hymn: STJ (green) #106   Just a closer walk with thee

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming to Worship and Silent Reflection

Silence

Psalm Reading   Psalm 32   *(see insert)*

Call to Worship
  Leader: Eternal God, you call beloved daughters and sons.
  People: We praise you for creating us
  and calling us to cultivate your life in
  the world.
  Leader: Eternal God, you call our name in the garden
  People: We come to worship,
  acknowledging our vulnerabilities
  and temptations.
  Leader: Eternal God, you are our hiding place,
             where forgiveness and mercy encircle us.
  All: Thanks be to God for the radical grace
  offered to us through Jesus Christ.

Silence

Confession
  Leader: God calls to us, "Where are you?"
  People: **We, like Adam, hide in the garden,**
                  hoping God does not come looking for us.
  Leader: God asks, "What have you done?"
  People: **We, like Eve, say, "the devil made me do it," masking our shame.**
  Leader: Our choices have consequences and yet God's grace abounds.
  People: **I confess I have hidden and denied my sin.**
                  When I refused to admit my wrongs,
                  I was miserable; even my bones felt brittle.
                  Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon *(from Psalm 32)*
  Leader: How happy are the ones whose wrongs are forgiven.
                How happy are the ones whose sin the Eternal God will not
                take into account.
                God has become our hiding place, our refuge from trouble.
                God hears our prayers extending the arms of salvation and
                songs of deliverance.

Hymn: HWB (blue) #570   We walk by faith

Children's Time

Offering

Congregational Prayer

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

Scripture Reading   Matthew 4:1-11   *(see insert)*

Sermon   *"Temptation"*

Hymn of Response: HWB (blue) #521   Come, thou fount
  Ritual of Response – *Bringing our stones forward.*

Extinguishing the light and Benediction
  Leader: May God remind you of your belovedness.
                May Christ be by your side in times of struggle.
                May the Spirit guide you back to the path when you are tempted.
                Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Our Lenten theme is "Show Us". May our hearts and minds be open when we engage these texts and declare, "Show us." We seek to better understand God, and Jesus lived and taught to show everyone the will and passion of God. As we petition the passages to "Show Us", may we also be receptive to the surprising love and grace of God.

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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 please ask anyone, visit our website www.waterloonorthmc.org or fill out the visitor information card, located at the Welcome Table in the foyer. If you wish, a minister will contact you.

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