

**Waterloo North Mennonite Church**  
Gathering Sunday  
Sunday, September 10, 2017 9:30 a.m.

**Gathering Hymn** StJ (green) #54 *Longing for light*

Introduction of Theme – (waiting, welcoming God’s presence)

Chimes & Time of Silence

**Hymn** StS (purple) #97 *Silence my soul*

Welcome, Introduction, Announcements

Call to Worship

Reading of our Covenant *see insert*

**Hymn** Responsorial Psalm 27:12-18 *see insert*

Commissioning of Nurture Programs

**Congregational Prayer**

Children’s Time

Rites of Passage for those turning 2

Rites of Passage for those entering Grade 1

**Hymn** StJ (green) #97 *The Lord is my light*

Offering

Scripture Reading Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 *see last page*

Sermon “In the land of the living”

**Hymn of Response** HWB (blue) #118 *Praise God from whom*

Benediction

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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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**Head sets** 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. Staffed childcare will be available during the 10:45 a.m. service beginning September 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Offering:** For 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.

**Information Sheets** with church news and activities are available in the foyer for those who do not receive them electronically.

**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.***

## Psalm 27: 1,4,13-14

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>4</sup> One thing I asked of the LORD,  
that will I seek after:  
to live in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the LORD,  
and to inquire in his temple.

<sup>13</sup> I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living.

<sup>14</sup> Wait for the LORD;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the LORD!