



Waterloo North Mennonite Church  
Sunday, April 26, 2020, 10:00 a.m.  
“Seeing / Recognizing”

COMING / ARRIVING

Passing the Peace

Introducing the Eastertide series

**Call to Worship**

Leader: God of resurrection and life, we rejoice in your power that turns sorrow into joy,

**All: despair into hope,**

Leader: defeat into victory,

**All: and evil into goodness.**

Leader: Set us free from our burdens on this day, so that we may encounter you.

**All: Let new life spring forth and bring grace to all, through  
Jesus Christ, the Risen One. AMEN.**

Invocation/Opening Prayer

**Hymn of Praise: HWB (blue) #89 For the beauty of the earth** (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

SETTLING IN / STAYING

**Scripture 1** (based on Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 *The Message*)

Leader: I love God because God has listened to me,

**All: listened as I begged for mercy.**

Leader: God listened so intently as I laid out my case.

**All: Death stared me in the face,**

Leader: hell was hard on my heels.

**All: Up against it, I didn't know which way to turn;**

Leader: then I called out to God for help:

**All: “Please, God!” I cried out. “Save my life!”**

Leader: God is gracious – it is God who makes things right, our most  
compassionate God.

**All: God takes the side of the helpless; when I was at the end of my  
rope, God saved me.**

Leader: What can I give back to God for the blessings poured out on me?

**All: I'll lift high the cup of salvation – a toast to God!**

Leader: I'll pray in the name of God;

**All: I'll complete what I promised God I'd do, and I'll do it together with God's people!**

Leader: Oh, God, here I am, your servant: set me free for your service!

**All: I'm ready to offer a thanksgiving sacrifice and pray in the name of God.**

Leader: Again I call on you, O God, to set us free for your service.

**All: Yes, I will complete what I have promised God I would do, and I'll do it in company with God's people around me!**

Children's Time

## HEARING

Scripture 2: Luke 24:13-35

Homily

**Hymn of Response: HWB (blue) #272 Christ is risen! Shout hosanna**

*"Tuning In"* Reflection

**Hymn: HWB (blue) #603 Sometimes a light surprises**

## GOING

Congregational Prayer

Spoken Benediction (based on 1 Peter 1:17-23 *The Message*)

Call out to God, for God helps. Live your lives with a keen awareness of God's presence. For God saved you from all that is empty and life-draining in the world.

Because Jesus is our risen Lord, you can believe in God and trust God's ways each and every day. Our future remains in God's hands, and our faith and hope are in God alone. Therefore, let us love one another as if our lives depended on it. AMEN.

Sung Benediction *"As you go out from here"*

(Performed by Bryan Moyer Suderman.)  
Permission to live stream granted by Bryan Moyer Suderman.

As you go out from here, may the Lord go with you.  
The face of God shine on you every day.  
We are sent by God wherever we are living,  
salt and light as people of the Way.

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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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