

# Encountering Jesus



**Waterloo North Mennonite Church**  
**Sunday, May 3, 2020**  
***Encountering Jesus: Listening/Hearing***

**COMING / ARRIVING**

Passing the Peace

Prelude

Call to Worship

Welcome and Introductory Comments

**Hymn: HWB (blue) #1 What is this place**

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**Invocation**

Leader: Into our fear and exhaustion and impatience steps Jesus, the Risen One. Just as he came to those first disciples in their fear and spoke a word of peace, so he comes to us in our fear today, and speaks that same word:

**People: Peace be with you.**

Leader: Into our fearful hearts, Jesus speaks,

**People: Peace be with you.**

Leader: Into our anxiety about how long this will last, Jesus says,

**People: Peace be with you.**

Leader: Into our concern for those we love, Jesus speaks,

**People: Peace be with you.**

Leader: Into our impatience, Jesus says,

**People: Peace be with you.**

Leader: Jesus comes through doors closed to public events and hearts frozen in fear and speaks,

**People: Peace be with you.**

Leader: Death, fear and isolation were part of Jesus' solitary journey to the cross and new life. Closed doors and anxious hearts are no barrier to the Risen One.

**People: Peace be with you.**

Leader: Listen. Do you hear that voice?

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Opening Prayer

**SETTLING IN / STAYING**

Children's Time

**Hymn: HWB (blue) #578 The Lord's My Shepherd (vs.1, 3 and 5)**

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**HEARING**

Scripture: John 10:1-10

Homily

**Hymn of Response: HWB (blue) #559 O thou, in whose presence**

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*"Tuning In"* Reflection

**Hymn: Creating God, your fingers trace (HWB #168 & 325)**

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**GOING**

Congregational Prayer

Spoken Benediction (1 Peter 2:19-25)

This is the kind of life you've been invited into, the kind of life Christ lived: To be a good servant even when misunderstood or treated badly for no good reason. Christ is our example, having suffered everything that came his way so we would know it could be done, and to know how to do it step-by-step.

Despite times of suffering, be content to let God set things right, remembering that Jesus' wounds became our healing.

In the past, we were like lost sheep, with no idea who we were or where we were going. Now we are named and kept for good by the Shepherd of our souls.

AMEN.

Sung Benediction - *As you go out from here*

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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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