



Esteemed Elders Sunday



**Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, June 21, 2020, 10:00 a.m.
Esteemed Elders Sunday**

Prelude at 9:55 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Land Acknowledgement

Hymn: HWB (blue) #117 Fairest Lord Jesus

Sung by Conrad Grebel Chapel Choir
Permission to live stream granted by Leonard Enns.
Text: Heinrich von Fallersleben, trans. by Joseph Seiss, 1873.
Music: Silesian folk melody, harmonized by Richard Willis, 1850.
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Children's Time

Hymn: HWB (blue) #521 Come, thou fount

Sung by WNMC Oct 27, 2019
Text: Robert Robinson, 1758.
Music: American folk melody.
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Congregational Prayer

Scripture Reading: Leviticus 19:32 and Deuteronomy 32:7

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Hymn: HWB (blue) #307 Will you let me be your servant (vs 1,3,5)

Text: Ricard Cillard.
Music: Richard Gillard; adapted by Betty Pulkingham.
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Homily

Esteemed Elders

Litany

Our Elders

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Hymn of Benediction: Leaning on the everlasting arms (vs 1)

Written by Anthony Johnson Showalter and Elisha Albright Hoffman.
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Postlude

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.

Scripture Reading

Leviticus 19:32:

You shall rise before the aged,
and defer to the old;
and you shall fear your God:
I am the Lord.

Deuteronomy 32:7:

Remember the days of old,
consider the years long past;
ask your parents, and they will inform you;
your elders, and they will tell you.

Litany for Esteemed Elders

One: Every other year, we recognize and honour those born 80 or more years ago.

All: We honour our Esteemed Elders.

One: They tell us stories about our heritage and our journey to the present.

All: We value their memory.

One: Our Esteemed Elders share their experiences and insights with us.

All: We need their wisdom.

One: In spite of their accumulated burdens and losses, and defiant to their physical limitations, they boldly carry on.

All: May we acquire such dignity and perseverance.

One: We are inspired by their faithfulness and generosity to the church.
They are a vital part of this body of Christ.

All: We gratefully honour our Esteemed Elders.