

Waterloo North Mennonite Church Sunday, October 25, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Prelude and Greeting at 9:55 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: We come together to celebrate the joy-filled blessedness of living within God's rule.

All: We come, blessed by the fruits of God's Spirit that as we worship bring joy and peace.

Leader: We come together to delight in the rule and laws of God as they influence our living.

All: We come, blessed by the fruits of God's Spirit that gives us patience and self-control.

Leader: We come together to worship and praise the God who blesses, renews and refreshes us so that we are like fruit-bearing trees that are watered by God's gracious guidance.

All: We come, blessed by the fruits of God's Spirit that enables us to worship God faithfully; and to accept others in loving gentleness and kindly goodness - to God's greater glory. Amen.

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Hymn: HWB (blue) #4 Unto thy temple, Lord, we come

Unto thy temple, Lord, we come. Sung by WN March 17, 2019.

Text: Robert Collyer, 1866.

Music: composer unknown, adapted by Edward Miller, 1790.

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Children's Time

Confession

God, our Creator and Sustainer,

like the stewards entrusted with the master's investments
you have entrusted us with the gospel message in this place. (Matt 25:15)

We confess that you expect the love of Christ,

but our living proclaims selfishness. (Is 5:7)

We confess that our inward thoughts do not honour you (Phil 4:8) or keep us on a path to love as you love.

Assurance

Friends, be assured the inescapable presence of God restores us. (Ps 139:7; Ps 80:7) May the peace of God keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. (Phil 4:7) Amen.

Hymn: HWB (blue) #392 Heart and mind, possessions, Lord

Heart and mind, possessions, Lord (Tana Mana Dhana). Text: Krishnarao Rathnaji Sangle; tr. Alden H. Clark. Music: Indian melody; adapted by Marion J. Chute. Text, tr. music & adaptation all in Public Domain.

Congregational Prayer

Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:34-40

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Sermon: "The Donkey and the Fire"

Hymn of Response: HWB (blue) #389 Take my life (vs 1,5,6)

Take my life. Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1874.

Music: Henri A.C. Malan, adapted by Lowell Mason, 1841.

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Benediction

Choral Benediction: HWB (blue) #430 God be with you

Sung by the WN Virtual Choir.

God be with you (Randolph). Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880.

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams. Text and Music in Public Domain.

Postlude