

**Waterloo North Mennonite Church**  
**Sunday, May 29, 2016 10:45 a.m.**

**Gathering and Praise**

Gathering hymns HWB (blue) #124 O worship the Lord  
HWB (blue) #42 All people that on earth  
Welcome, Introductions and Announcements  
Call To Worship  
HWB (blue) #820 LITANY  
Prayer of Invocation (based on Galatians 1:1-12)  
Passing the peace  
STJ (green) #16 Praise with Joy the World's Creator

**Hearing and Receiving God's word**

Scripture I Kings 18:20-21 (22-29), 30-39  
Children's time  
Offering  
Sermon "Burning the Bull"

**Responding to God's word**

HWB (blue) #567 How firm a foundation  
Congregational prayer

**Sending**

STJ (green) #32 If you believe and I believe  
Benediction

Worship Participants

Worship Leader	Fred Martin
Preacher	Gordon Allaby
Congregational Prayer	Peggy Zehr
Scripture Reader	Jeffrey Marsh
Pianist	Merlyn Martin
Song Leader	Marnie Gerster
Ushers	Jan Fretz, Derrick Rempel
Sound	Reuben Janzen-Martin



**Childcare** - Infants to Age 4 – Staffed Childcare is available during worship in Nursery located outside the sanctuary. Ushers are available to assist you.

**Head sets** are available, from the ushers, for hearing assistance.

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

## **1 Kings 18:20 (NRSV)**

<sup>20</sup> So Ahab sent to all the Israelites, and assembled the prophets at Mount Carmel. <sup>21</sup> Elijah then came near to all the people, and said, “How long will you go limping with two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.” The people did not answer him a word. <sup>22</sup> Then Elijah said to the people, “I, even I only, am left a prophet of the LORD; but Baal’s prophets number four hundred fifty. <sup>23</sup> Let two bulls be given to us; let them choose one bull for themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it; I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. <sup>24</sup> Then you call on the name of your god and I will call on the name of the LORD; the god who answers by fire is indeed God.” All the people answered, “Well spoken!” <sup>25</sup> Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose for yourselves one bull and prepare it first, for you are many; then call on the name of your god, but put no fire to it.” <sup>26</sup> So they took the bull that was given them, prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning until noon, crying, “O Baal, answer us!” But there was no voice, and no answer. They limped about the altar that they had made. <sup>27</sup> At noon Elijah mocked them, saying, “Cry aloud! Surely he is a god; either he is meditating, or he has wandered away, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened.” <sup>28</sup> Then they cried aloud and, as was their custom, they cut themselves with swords and lances until the blood gushed out over them. <sup>29</sup> As midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering of the oblation, but there was no voice, no answer, and no response.

<sup>30</sup> Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come closer to me”; and all the people came closer to him. First he repaired the altar of the LORD that had been thrown down; <sup>31</sup> Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD came, saying, “Israel shall be your name”; <sup>32</sup> with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD. Then he made a trench around the altar, large enough to contain two measures of seed. <sup>33</sup> Next he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood. He said, “Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood.” <sup>34</sup> Then he said, “Do it a second time”; and they did it a second time. Again he said, “Do it a third time”; and they did it a third time, <sup>35</sup> so that the water ran all around the altar, and filled the trench also with water.

<sup>36</sup> At the time of the offering of the oblation, the prophet Elijah came near and said, “O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your bidding. <sup>37</sup> Answer me, O LORD, answer me, so that this people may know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back.” <sup>38</sup> Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt offering, the wood, the stones, and the dust, and even licked up the water that was in the trench. <sup>39</sup> When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, “The LORD indeed is God; the LORD indeed is God.”