

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, December 4, 2016 10:45 am
Advent 2
THE HOLY WAY
The Wall

GATHERING

Hymn HWB (blue) #191 O little town of Bethlehem
Hymn HWB (blue) #211 Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
Welcome and Announcements

PRAISING

Chiming to worship
Silence

Call to Worship:

Leader: In the nighttime of fear, we build walls and fences.

**People: Rather than showing hospitality,
we keep the stranger away.
We forget the truth
that God's love is for everyone.**

Leader: O God, show us the way of your heart.

All: Come quickly; show us.

Invocation

Hymn STS (purple) #3 (vs.1&2) Come, Light of the world
with Advent Candle Lighting

Advent 2 Psalter reading: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

with sung response HWB (blue) #101 Alleluia

Hymn STJ (green) #61 How can we be silent

Children's time

Offering

CONFESSING/RECONCILING

Prayer of confession:

Leader: God of harmony,

**People: we yearn to walk in your way, but often choose our
own path of turmoil and pain. Save us, Lord,
from the pride and foolishness of choosing
our own course, that we may humbly and confidently
follow your lead, through Jesus Christ, Amen.**

Words of assurance:

Leader: Throughout the tumult of life,
God holds you close in love.
Rejoice, because God's wisdom is your guide,
God's compassion is your strength,
God's love is your redemption.

All: Come, let us walk in the way of God's heart!

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10

New Testament Lesson: Romans 15:4-13

Hymn HWB (blue) #407 We are people of God's peace

Sermon

RESPONDING

HWB (blue) #175 O Saviour, rend the heavens (vs.1,2 & 5)

Congregational prayer

Hymn HWB (blue) #182 O how shall I receive thee

Benediction

Worship Participants

Prelude	Naomi Wiebe
Pianist	Anita Fieguth
Song Leader	Jennie Wiebe
Chimes	Soul Food Middlers
Worship Leader	Peter Paetkau
Children's Time	Carmen Brubacher
Offertory	Andrew Willms, Reuben Janzen-Martin
Congregational Prayer	Peggy Zehr
Scripture Readers	Olivia Koop, Sarah Hochstetler
Sermon	Gordon Allaby
Ushers	Ryan Lebold, Eleanor Neufeld
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.

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

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

Offering - For those who contribute electronically, offering cards are available or use loose change/cash so that you can participate in the giving of offering worship experience.

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Romans 15:4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

THE HOLY WAY



***Walking the way
of God's heart***