

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, January 15, 2017 10:45 a.m.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Hymn HWB (blue) #546 Guide my feet (verses 1-4)
Announcements

WELCOMING GOD INTO OUR WORSHIP

Welcome and Introductions
Call to Worship

Leader: Gracious God, you stand at the door of our hearts, asking for an entrance. You desire to come in and share the intimacy of your presence with us.

People: Behold, we open the door of our minds and hearts.

Leader: We welcome your entrance and long for deeper union with you.

People: Come and make music in our lives.

All: *Dance through our days and sing in our hearts.*

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn HWB (blue) #45 I cannot dance, O Love

HEARING GOD'S MESSAGE

Children's Time

Hymn HWB (blue) #401 This little light of mine

Scripture reading: Acts 17:22-34

Sermon: "What Paul's Ministry in Athens Can Teach Us Today"

Hymn of Response

HWB (blue) #537 You are the God within life

CONNECTING TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Offertory Hymn HWB (blue) #398 I love to tell the story

Communion

BEING SENT INTO THE WORLD

Hymn HWB (blue) #478 Sent forth by God's blessing

Benediction

Worship Participants

Worship Leader

Pianist

Song Leader

Scripture Reader

Children's Time

Sermon

Congregational Prayer

Ushers

Sound

Elinor Snell

Marie Burkholder

Zoe Andres

Mary Lehto

Martha Crealock

Brent Charette

Peggy Zehr

Jan Fretz, David Paetkau

Kevin Lanctot

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (NRSV)

37 The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.

²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

Acts 17:22-34 (NRSV)

²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us.

²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,
‘For we too are his offspring.’

²⁹ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

³² When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some scoffed; but others said, “We will hear you again about this.” ³³ At that point Paul left them. ³⁴ But some of them joined him and became believers, including Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

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.

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.

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