

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, April 30, 2017
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
God is With Us As We Journey

GATHERING

Hymn STJ (green) #11 *Praise, Praise, Praise*

Hymn STJ (green) #27 *God of the Bible*

Welcome

Announcements, Introductions

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

PARENT/CHILD DEDICATION

Hymn STJ (green) #49 *Rain Down*

Introduction

Ryan & Anastasia's Words of Commitment

Introduction of *Coen Jaxson Davey Lebold*

Act of Dedication

Children's Response:

We will be your friends. In Sunday School, Soul Food, worship and other church activities, we will learn to know and love God and make memories that last a lifetime.

Congregational Response:

You have offered your children to the strong and tender care of God and to the nurture of the church. We rejoice with you and give thanks for the gift of Coen and welcome him into our church family.

We promise to pray for, support and encourage him and you as you provide a loving and caring home where trust in God grows.

We pray that our shared life and witness will make your task both joyful and fulfilling.

Prayer of Blessing

Song *Jesus Loves Me*

Time with the Children

HEARING

Scripture *John 16:16-24*

Sermon *Transition and Change*

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

Offering

Hymn HWB (blue) #327 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Litany of Gratitude & Release for Lisa

John: Lisa, we thank God for your nine years of service here at Waterloo North. In your role as Minister of Belonging, you have offered pastoral care, worked on Gift Discernment committee, supported Nurture Ministry, Soul Food, Children's Sunday School, Mentoring and care groups, inspired us through preaching and worship leading, as well as serving us in many other ways. Your care, eye for artistry, gift of music and attention to detail have enriched our worship experiences. We have shared significant times of laughing, praying, grieving, wrestling, creating and dreaming.

Ministry Team: *Lisa, we have shared ministry in this congregation with you and affirm that God has gifted you and blessed your ministry. We have hoped together, dreamed together, worked together and prayed together.*

All: **We thank you for your ministry and for sharing your life with us. We are grateful for the seeds you have planted and nurtured, and for growth you have celebrated.**

Response from Lisa

All: Lisa we release you from your roles here among us.

We acknowledge that we must now turn to others for spiritual support.

We are grateful that God's love is unbounded.

It will go with you as you leave us and also be here with us. Thus we will always be bound together in God's love.

John: Lisa, as you move from our midst, we wish you well. May you enter into your new commitments with daring and renewed energy. May God continue to work in you and through you. May you be blessed and may others be blessed through you as you continue to honour your calling to ministry.

Prayer of Blessing

Congregational Prayer

Sung Benediction STJ (green) #76 *The Lord Bless You & Keep You*

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Worship Participants

Pianist	Marie Burkholder
Song Leader	Reuben Janzen-Martin
Guitars	Colin Wiebe, Daniel Kramer, Jeremy Krueger
Worship Leader	Lisa Carr-Pries, Marsha Krueger
Time with the Children	Marsha & Maaike Krueger
Scripture	Ben Koop
Sermon	Gordon Allaby
Congregational Prayer	Lorrie Shantz
Ushers	Derrick Rempel, Phil Ruby
Sound	Don Weber

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You are invited to stay for time of appreciation for Lisa following the service.

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.



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