

**Waterloo North Mennonite Church**  
**Sunday, March 12, 2017 10:45 a.m.**  
**Lent 2**

*Restore Us, O God! We Wonder.*

**Gathering Hymns**

HWB (blue) #70 *Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise*

HWB (blue) #77 *God of Many Names*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Chimes (Silence)**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Mindful that God, the Great Mystery, calls us,

**All: we gather to worship.**

Leader: Curious about God's way in the world,

**All: we gather to worship.**

Leader: Wondering and questioning in the midst of uncertainty,

**All: we gather to worship.**

Leader: Restore us, O God as we seek after you.

**Time with the Children**

Hymn STJ (green) #29 *You Are All We Have*

**Offertory Prayer (in unison):**

With all that we have and all that we are, we honour you.

Restore us, O God, to live in freedom and trust.

**Confession and Words of Assurance**

Leader: God of mystery, you call us into the unknown. But we do not always follow willingly.

Left: We confess that we do not want to leave behind what is familiar. We prefer looking like those around us.

Right: We do not want to change our beliefs. We prefer to think and believe in the same ways we always do.

**All: We do not want to give up the comfort of our own self-sufficiency. We prefer to stay in control.**

Leader: Forgive us, O Lord, when in our best effort to work for you, we fail to move with your Spirit.

**All: Stir us deep within. Recover a sense of your holy wonder and make room within us for the mystery of your Spirit.**

*(Pause for silent confession)*

Leader: God of abundant grace,

**All: restore us.**

Leader: Our help comes from the Lord, Maker of heaven and earth.

The Lord will keep you from all harm. The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Amen.

Hymn STS (purple) #45 *Calm Me, Lord*

**Congregational Prayer**

Hymn HWB #594 *Lord, You Sometimes Speak in Wonders*

Scripture *John 3:1-17*

Sermon *Repair, Replace or Rebirth*

Hymn STJ (green) #18 *Over My Head*

**Benediction**

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**Worship Participants**

Worship Leader

Lisa Carr-Pries

Song Leader

Peggy Snyder

Pianist

Anita Fieguth

Scripture Reader

Jennie Wiebe

Time with the Children

Marsha Krueger, Naomi Wiebe

Preacher

Gordon Allaby

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***With gratitude and respect, we recognize that we are worshipping on the traditional land that once belonged to the Haudenosaunee and Anishnaabe peoples. We regret the lack of respect given to the Indigenous people in the past, and pledge to work for justice and reconciliation.***

**Childcare** - Infants to Age 4 – 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.

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