

Isaiah 5:1-7 (NRSV)

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
² He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.
³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.
⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?
⁵ And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
⁶ I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.
⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

Waterloo North Mennonite Church

Sunday August 14, 2016

9:30 a.m.

Gathering Hymns

HWB (blue) #651 I Owe The Lord a Morning Song

HWB (blue) #59 Sing Praise to God who reigns

Announcements & Introductions:

Call to Worship:

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up to the Lord

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right to give our thanks & praise.

Hymn: HWB (blue) #26 Holy Spirit Come with Power

Confession:

Leader: Almighty God, Creator of all that is,

**People: As a deer longs for water,
so our soul longs for you, O God.**

**We live in a secular society,
an intentional spiritual desert.**

**We lament that in this spiritual desert
we feel at home!**

**We confess that our faith is uncertain even as
we yearn for the deep wells of living water
promised by Jesus to the Samaritan woman.**

**We long for the Kingdom of God that is coming,
for our true home is there. Amen**

Leader: Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

People: Jesus, Bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us peace.

All: Amen. (silence)

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Hymn of Response:

HWB (blue) #362 Help us to help each other

Benediction

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader

Martha Crealock

Pianist

Mary Lehto

Song Leader

Peggy Snyder

Children's Story

Leslie Allaby

Scripture Reader

John Thiessen

Preacher

Gordon Allaby

Congregational Prayer

Ralph Brubacher

Ushers

Kathryn Good, Eleanor Neufeld

Words of Assurance

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, O you faithful ones,
for the Lord's anger is but for a moment;
Yahweh's favour is for a lifetime.
The Lord has restored your soul to new life!

**People: In gratitude to God who has restored
us to new life
We acknowledge with joy that by God's grace
We can live that new life in Christ
And to that restored life we commit ourselves!
Amen.**

Offering

Children's time

Hymn: HWB (blue) #90 For the fruit of all creation

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7, Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Hymn: HWB (blue) #385 What gift can we bring

Sermon "Complex Simplicity"