

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday July 31, 2016
9:30 a.m.

"FINDING MEANING"

Gathering

For Reflection

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
Colossians 3:1-3 (NRSV)

Gathering Hymns

Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah
Holy, holy, holy!

HWB #50 (blue)

HWB #120 (blue)

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

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 and praise.

Invocation

Leader: We enter your presence O God, Creator of Light.

**People: We enter your presence Jesus Christ,
Light of the world.**

Leader: Be present with us Holy Spirit,
our Guide for living by the Light.

**All: To the one true God, eternally three in one,
be praise in all times and places, through the
grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn *Jesus, we are here* **STJ #6** (green)

Confession

Leader: Almighty God, Creator of all that is:

**People: As a deer longs for water,
so our soul longs for you, O God. (Ps 42:1)**

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

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

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

(Jn 4:14)

**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

Hymn: *Kyrie* (next page)

Kyrie Leonard Enns

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Words of Assurance

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, O you faithful ones
for his anger is but for a moment;
His favour is for a lifetime.
The Lord has restored your soul to new life!
(Ps 30:3, 4)

Response to Assurance

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.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:
I leave you peace, my peace I give you.
Look not to our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us offer each other the sign of Christ's peace.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Offering *Heart and mind, possessions, Lord HWB #392 (blue)*

Hearing God's Word

Psalm 107:1-9, 43

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Leader: Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to an inhabited town;
hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.

People: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress; he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.

Leader: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.
For he satisfies the thirsty,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

All: Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

Children's Story

Scripture Readings

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

Sermon Finding Meaning

Responding to God’s Word

Hymn of Response *I want to walk as a child of the light*

STJ #95 (green)

Congregational Prayer

Sending Hymn *We will follow*

STS #40 (purple)

Benediction

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader

Ingried Regier

Pianist

Jan Overduin

Song Leader

Lynn Rempel

Children’s Story

Gudrun Mathies

Scripture Readers

Karen & Craig Cressman Anderson

Preacher

Ben Cassels

Congregational Prayer

Ron Flaming

Sound

Scott Konkle

Usher

Marg Koop