

**Waterloo North Mennonite Church**  
**Sunday, August 28, 2016**  
**9:30 a.m.**

Leading Us in Worship

Worship Leader	Mary Schiedel
Song Leader	Lynn Rempel
Pianist	Reuben Janzen-Martin
Congregational Prayer	Lisa Carr-Pries
Children's Time	Eileen and Ralph Lebold
Scripture Reader	Albert Hecht-Enns
Preacher	Lisa Carr-Pries
Usher	Sharon Neufeld
Sound	Kevin Lanctot

**Luke 14:1, 7-14 (NRSV)**

14 On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

**For Reflection:**

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers. Hebrew 13:1&2a

**Gathering**

Hymn HWB (blue) #76 Praise, I will praise you, Lord

Hymn HWB (blue) #305 Where charity and love prevail

Welcome, Introductions and 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.**

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)**

**People:** 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. (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

**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 greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Congregational Prayer

Offering STJ (green) #148

Children's Time

Hymn HWB (blue) #616 Children of the heavenly Father

**Hearing and Receiving God's Word**

Scripture Readings

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Sermon "Invited and Inviting"

**Responding to God's Word**

Hymn of Response

HWB (blue) #145 There's a wideness in God's mercy

Benediction