

Waterloo North Mennonite Church

Sunday, July 24, 2016

9:30 a.m.

Luke 11:1-13

11He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." ⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

For Reflection:

*Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other. ~Psalm 85:10*

Gathering

Hymn HWB (blue) #16 *God is Here Among Us*

Hymn HWB (blue) #71 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

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)**

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 Leonard Enns

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Ky-rie e-lei-son, Ky-rie e-lei-son, Ky - ri - e__ e-lei - son.

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Chris-te e - lei-son, Chris-te e - lei - son, Chris - te__ e-lei - son.

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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! (Ps 30:3,4)

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.
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.

Hearing and Receiving God's Word

Hymn HWB (blue) #145 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Children's Time

Hymn HWB (blue) #397 *God Loves All His Many People*

Scripture *Genesis 18:20-32*

Luke 11:1-13

Sermon *Again, Again, Again*

Responding to God's Word

Hymn STJ (green) #49 *Rain down*

Offering

Congregational Prayer

Hymn HWB (blue) #429 *Go Now In Peace*

Benediction

Leading Us in Worship

Song Leader/Pianist

Reuben Janzen Martin

Worship Leader

Lisa Carr-Pries

Homily

Gordon Allaby

Prayer

Ben Cassels

Ushers

Eleanor Neufeld, Kathryn Good

Sound

Don Weber

Genesis 18: 20-32

²⁰Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." ²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord.

²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." ³³And the Lord went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place.