

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, September 4, 2016
9:30 a.m.
“Reconciliation and Healing”

For Reflection:

O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. (Psalm 139:1,2)

Gathering

Hymn HWB (blue) #36 God of our strength

Hymn STJ (green) #5 Come and be light for our eyes

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

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.

Hearing and Receiving God's Word

Hymn/Psalm O God, You Search Me (insert)

Children's Time

Gospel Reading Luke 15:11-32

Offering and Offertory Hymn:

HWB (blue) #499 Lord, speak to me (vv.1,2,4,5)

Scripture Text Acts 9:1-19a

Sermon *Colombia signed a peace agreement; now what?*

Responding to God's Word

Response STJ (green) #67 Let there be light, Lord God

Congregational Prayer

Sending Hymn HWB #656 Savior, again to your dear name

Benediction

O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME

(♩ = ca. 60)

1. O God, you search me and you know me.
 2. You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing.
 3. Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord,
 4. Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me,
 5. For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me,

1. All my thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze.
 2. You dis - cern my pur - pose from a - far,
 3. You have known its mean - ing through and through.
 4. Still I search for shel - ter from your light.
 5. Gave me life with - in my moth - er's womb.

1. When I walk or lie down you are be - fore me:
 2. And with love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me:
 3. You are with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing:
 4. There is no - where on earth I can es - cape you:
 5. For the won - der of who I am, I praise you:

1. Ev - er the mak - er and keep - er of my days.
 2. In ev - 'ry mo - ment of life or death, you are.
 3. God of my pres - ent, my past and fu - ture, too.
 4. E - ven the dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.
 5. Safe in your hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

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Leading Us in Worship

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Worship Leader	Peter Paetkau
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Psalm 139/O God You Search Me

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