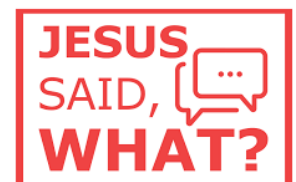


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Welcome to our worship service. May you be blessed as you meet God and be empowered for the week ahead.

Sunday, July 2, 2017 9:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Hilda Krotz

Congregational Prayer: Pastor Ben Cassels

Scripture Reader: Hilda Krotz

Litany Readers: Hilda Krotz, Laura Enns, Ben Cassels

Speaker: Pastor Ben Cassels

Accompanist: Karen Enns

Choir: Laura Enns

Children's Story: Erika Tubb

Children are welcome in the worship service or parents may supervise young children in the Nursery along the Administration Hallway.

Worship Focus: *Jesus compared the Kingdom of Heaven to be like a mustard seed, an analogy that transforms how we think about the relationship between the church and broader society.*

GATHERING

Prelude

Hymn: *"I will stand in the congregation"*

STS # 113

Welcome / Work and Care of the Church

Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome this day to the house of our God.

People: We are greeted in peace and in love.

Leader: Here in this place, there are no foreigners,

People: for all are welcome in God's house.

Leader: Welcome this day to the worship of our Creator.

People: We worship in hope and with grace.

Leader: Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,

People: for love is the language of faith.

Leader: Welcome this day to our community of faith,

People: where we are sisters and brothers in Christ.

Leader: Here in our lives, there are no divisions,



"Surely the LORD is in this place."

Genesis 28:16

People: for God dwells in each of us.

Leader: Friends, let us worship God in unity and love.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: *“God of the Bible”*

STJ # 27

Prayer of Confession / Words of Assurance

Prayers of Gratitude, Lament, and Hope:

marking Canada’s 150 years of Confederation

(adapted from the United Church of Canada - Canada Day resource)

Gracious and loving God,

In whom all of creation and all peoples live and move and have our being,

We gather to reflect on the 150th year since the Confederation of Canada.

We gather in gratitude for the richness of this land that goes from sea to sea to sea:

For the First Peoples, who have stewarded this land for millennia and who teach us that we are all one with creation and with each other.

For the wonderful tapestry of Indigenous and non-Indigenous cultures that make up our nation, making us all richer for the diversity,

we offer our gratitude to you, Creator of Life.

For the rich natural resources,

The wonder of the variety of landscapes and ecosystems in our country, urban and rural, prairie and maritime, tundra and mountains, Canadian Shield and foothills,

we offer our gratitude to you, Creator of Life.

For a country that has welcomed immigrants and refugees to its safe shores, both recently and decades ago,

For a country in which we are free and safe to worship according to our convictions and cultures,

For a country in which we are free and safe to cast our vote, where our vote and our voices count,

and where we can give voice to what we believe,

we offer our gratitude to you, Creator of Life.

We pray in awe and wonder,

seeking to live daily lives that reflect gratitude.

We gather in lament for the painful parts of our 150-year history:
For the devastation caused to the Indigenous Peoples through
colonization of this land, the overuse of natural resources,
and the loss of their cultures, spirituality, and traditions,
this we lament, God, who suffers with us.

For the pain and suffering experienced in Residential Schools by too
many Indigenous children;
For the stolen sisters (the missing and murdered Indigenous women),
and for the violence and abuse women in our nation continue to
experience,

For all the ways in which our governments and we, as individuals,
have discriminated against gender identity and sexual orientation,
this we lament, God, who suffers with us.

For all others in our country who have been discriminated against,
abused, and devalued because of their ethnicity,
beliefs, or country of origin,

this we lament, God, who suffers with us.

**We join our voices to cry out for justice for the continuing wrongs
in our country.**

We dream of the future of Canada:

For a country where the values of inclusion, equality, welcome,
peace, peacemaking, justice and compassion,

are lived day by day and extended to everyone in this land,

Loving God, to this we commit ourselves as your faithful people.

For a country where everyone shares in the abundance,
where everyone has food, shelter and safety,

where everyone is valued as they are for who they truly are,

For the possibilities and promise we have as a nation

in which every one of us can contribute our ideas,

our imagination, and our creativity for the good of all,

Loving God, to this we commit ourselves as your faithful people.



For a country where we care for the land, the
environment, and the creatures,
and live with respect in creation, and as one with all of
creation,

**To this we commit ourselves as your faithful
people, Loving God.**

On this 150th anniversary of the Confederation of Canada,
we give thanks, we lament, and we hope,
gathering all of our prayers together.
We respond by singing together.

Hymn: *"For the healing of the nations"*

HWB # 367

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture I: 1 Peter 2: 5-10

(New Testament)

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Hymn: *"We are marching in the light of God"* 2 verses

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Children's Time

Song of Blessing: *"We are marching in the light of God"* 1 verse

Congregational Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.



Offering

Anthem: *Morning has broken* E. Farjeon, arr. Cat Stevens

Scripture II: Matthew 13: 31-32 The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Leader: He put before them another parable:

People: **The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed
that someone took and sowed in his field;**

Leader: It is the smallest of all the seeds,

People: **but when it has grown
it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree,
so that the birds of the air come and make**

nests in its branches.

Leader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: **“Mmm....Mustard”**

RESPONDING TO THE STORY

Hymn of Response: *“God be with you”*

HWB # 430

Benediction

Postlude

Welcome to our visitors! We hope our time of worship has been an encouragement to you. Please sign our guest book in the front foyer. God bless you and we hope to see you again!

A very special welcome to our friends from Erb Street Mennonite Church. We are pleased to have you with us today and look forward to a time of fellowship following the service.



TODAY AT W-K

9:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Next Sunday – July 9, 2017

Jesus said WHAT!?!

9:30 a.m. *Worship Service* *Amanda Zehr*

Lectionary *Zechariah 9: 9-12* *Psalms 145: 8-14*

Readings: *Romans 7: 15-25a* *Matthew 13: 44-46*



Worship on Summer Long Weekends:

As we have done in the past, we will join with our friends from Erb Street and Waterloo North for worship on the long weekends as follows:

Sunday, August 6th – worship is at Erb Street at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday, September 3rd – worship is at Waterloo North at 9:30 a.m.

Come add your voices and join in the fellowship.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES



Summer Church Office Hours

Wednesday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Note: Summer office hours begin this week.

Parish Nurse Clinic Hours

The Parish Nurse is on vacation from June 29th to July 15th inclusive. There will be no clinic hours during this time.

Financial Report: Thank you for your offering of June 25th and for the pre-authorized withdrawal offering of June 28th.

This Week at W-K

Monday, July 3	All day	Office Closed for Canada Day Holiday.
Wednesday, July 5	10:00 a.m.	Fire Extinguisher Inspection



The **W-K Women's Lunch Bunch** is going on a road trip! The next lunch is Wednesday, July 5 at 12:30 pm at Schmidtsville Restaurant, 3685 Nafziger Rd. in Wellesley. This would be a short trip through the countryside with lunch at this popular area restaurant. Sounds like fun to me! And there's even a gift shop! All women are welcome, but I will need to know how many are coming. Please RSVP to Vicki Dick by Monday July 3. Directions will be available. Please call me if you don't have a ride.

Mennonite Church Canada 2017 Assembly – Future Directions:

Covenant New The 17 assembly will be held October 13 – 15, 2017 in Winnipeg. W-K is entitled to send 6 delegates. Pastor Ben Cassels will be attending and we invite members to consider attending as well. If you would like more information, please speak with Ed Janzen.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS AND YOUNG AT HEART



Calling all students age 4 to grade 8. God's Great Get-Together at Boobab Blast won't be the same without you! Don't miss out on Vacation Bible Camp, July 17-21, from 9am to 12noon at Knox Presbyterian Church. Register online at wkumchurch.ca Scholarships are available!

Adults and Teenagers - WE NEED YOUR HELP! Vacation Bible Camp is a partnership between W-K, Erb Street, Waterloo North, and Knox. We're expecting 150 kids for the week and we need your energy and involvement! Would you be willing to chaperone a group of about 10 children, help lead crafts, prepare snacks with other volunteers in the kitchen, just be a friendly and helpful presence, or be involved in some other way? Talk to Pastor Ben. (Youth - this is a great way to earn those community volunteer hours!)

HEALTH AND WELLNESS



Healthy Reflections – Body, Mind and Spirit

Difficult Conversations – Conversations worth having:

Have you identified who would be your *Substitute Decision Maker* if you were unable to make healthcare or personal care decisions for yourself? This is an important healthcare decision for all of us, no matter what our age. Identifying a Substitute Decision Maker and then having a conversation with them about your views on resuscitation and medical interventions is important for you and also for your family.

This is called *Advance Care Planning*.

If a situation arises and your family have to make decisions for your care, this process gives them the strength and clarity needed knowing what you would want in various situations. Why not have these conversations today? For more information call Advance Care Planning Waterloo Wellington at 519-743-4114



Note: The Parish Nurse is on vacation from June 29th to July 15th inclusive. During this time there will not be any drop-in clinics at Waterloo Mennonite Homes or at the church. Clinics will resume at normal times on July 18th at WMH and July 20th at W-KUM.

Please contact your healthcare provider for non-urgent health concerns or 911 or the Emergency Department for all urgent and emergency health concerns.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

Music that Makes Community will present a Paperless Music Workshop on Saturday, July 15 from 3:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, 445 Anndale Road, in Waterloo. This is a fun workshop that explores storytelling, singing and community involvement – without having to use a book – to help lead and participate more fully in music and worship.

To register please visit www.musicthatmakescommunity.org

See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

Hymn Society Conference at Conrad Grebel: This summer, a celebration of hymnody will coincide with the 500th anniversary of the Reformation at the annual Hymn Society conference to be held at Conrad Grebel University College in Waterloo, July 16-20, revolving around the theme: "Now Thank We All Our God: Celebrating Congregational Song since the Reformation."

The conference includes five free hymn festivals that are open to the public.

See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4 for more information. To see

conference details, please visit www.thehymnsociety.org/2017-waterloo

Peace Camp 2017 is coming to Conrad Grebel University College during July 31-August 4, 2017. Geared towards students in grades 6-8, Peace Camp is a week-long day camp that teaches youth they can make a difference in the world. This year we will ask, "Where can we find peace?" searching locally, globally, and in our own lives. Register online at www.grebel.ca/peacecamp<<http://www.grebel.ca/peacecamp>> today! For more info contact Peace Camp Coordinator Allison Keyes at peacecamp.daycamp@uwaterloo.ca<<mailto:peacecamp.daycamp@uwaterloo.ca>>.

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp needs volunteers in the kitchen and to help with maintenance projects during the weeks of July 16-22 and August 6-12. For more information please contact the camp at 519-422-1401 email fun@slmc.ca or visit www.wlmc.ca/volunteers

Sunday, July 9, 2:30 p.m. at Detweiler Meeting House, 3445 Roseville Road, Roseville. "Folk and Gospel Songs" led by Mike and Diana Erb, who are well known on the local music scene. There will be group singing as well. A freewill offering in support of Meetinghouse operations will be held. Everyone welcome. More information: Laurence Martin, 519-208-4591.