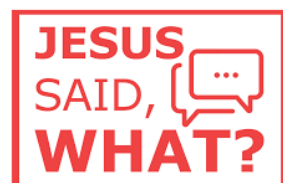


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*Welcome to our worship service. May you be blessed as you  
meet God and be empowered for the week ahead.*

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

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Worship Leader: John Krotz

Speaker: Rev. Bertha Landers

Congregational Prayer: Karen Watson

Accompanist: Ryan Légère

Scripture Reader: John Krotz

Special Music: John Krotz

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

**Worship Focus:** *The parable raises questions about judging people. Can  
we show disapproval without labelling people? How?  
Is there a difference between a person's actions and who they are inside?*

## **GATHERING**

Prelude

Hymn: *"Praise him, praise him!"*

HWB # 100

Welcome / Work and Care of the Church

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us gather in this moment just as we are

**People: Questioner, sinner, seeker**

**All: For we matter to God  
more than doctrine, liturgy or  
creed.**

Leader: Let us gather in this space just as we  
are

**People: Less than perfect, and fully human  
in our needs and longings**

Leader: Let us gather wherever we find ourselves just as we are

**People: Each of us created in the poetry of love  
and formed from the imagination of heaven.**

**All: Let us interrupt the world this morning  
wherever we are, and worship God.**

Prayer of Invocation



Hymn of Praise: *“Longing for light”*

STJ # 54

Prayer of Confession / Words of Assurance

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

Scripture I: Romans 8: 26-39

(New Testament)

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Hymn: *“Nothing is lost on the breath of God”*

STS # 121

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

Special Music

Scripture II: Matthew 13: 47-50

(New Testament)

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Sermon: **“An Old Parable for our Modern World”**

## RESPONDING TO THE STORY

Hymn of Response: *“For the healing of the nations”*

HWB # 367

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!

## TODAY AT W-K

9:30 a.m.    Worship in the Sanctuary

### Next Sunday – August 6, 2017

*Worship is at Erb Street at 9:45 a.m.*

*There will be no service at W-K.*

### Sunday August 13, 2017

*Jesus said WHAT!?!*

9:30 a.m.    *Worship Service*                      *Rev. Catherine Hunsberger*

Lectionary    *1 Kings 19: 9-18*                      *Psalm 85: 8-13*

Readings:    *Romans 10: 5-15*                      *Matthew 14: 22-33*



### 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 6<sup>th</sup>** – worship is at Erb Street at 9:45 a.m.

**Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>** – 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.

*Please note that **Katharine will be on vacation** from July 31<sup>st</sup> until August 15<sup>th</sup> inclusive. Many thanks to Joan Lamarche who will be holding office hours during this time.*

### Parish Nurse Clinic Hours

**Waterloo Mennonite Homes** – Tuesday, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

**Waterloo-Kitchener United Mennonite Church** – Thursday, 11:00 a.m. - Noon

**Financial Report:** Thank you for your offering of July 23<sup>rd</sup> and for the preauthorized withdrawal offering of July 27<sup>th</sup>

**The next W-K Women's Lunch Bunch** is on Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30 p.m. at the Dearborn Restaurant, 105 Lexington Rd. in Waterloo. All women are invited to this monthly event. Come and enjoy some good company and conversation. For questions contact Vicki Dick



**Ride for Refuge September 30, 2017** - in support of W-K's Mission partners Bock Ki and Sook Kyoung Park (Mennonite Church Canada witness workers in South Korea). Riders or walkers are needed to join our W-K team. Please contact Pauline Weiland for more information. Pauline would like to have some company on the ride this year!

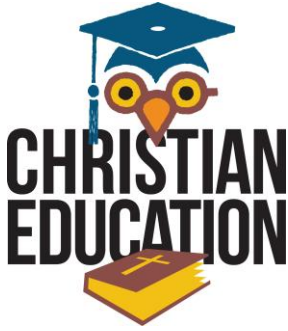


**Mennonite Church Canada 2017 Assembly – Future Directions: Covenant New** The assembly will be held October 13 – 15, 2017 in Winnipeg. W-K is entitled to send 6 delegates. Pastor Ben Cassels will be attending and we invite members to consider attending as well. If you would like more information, please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



**Looking ahead to the fall**, I am beginning to work on the annual Gathering Sunday Flyer. (Gathering Sunday is planned for September 10<sup>th</sup>.) If you have any announcements about Ministry Teams or activities that should be included, please submit them to the office by August 25<sup>th</sup>. Thanks ~ Katharine





### Sunday School for the Fall:

For next fall, our Sunday education classes need the help of a few volunteers. The youth class depends on the leadership of a number of people, assisting perhaps once a month, each. For the adult class, that is appreciated by many, we are open to ideas for topics and guest speakers!

For the younger children (ages SK to Grade 6), another volunteer to assist with teaching would be greatly appreciated. See Karl Dick if you have any ideas or are willing to help.

*Thanks for your consideration.*

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS



### Healthy Reflections – Body, Mind and Spirit

#### **Friends of Hope (What promotes hope?)**

“The Bible identifies hope as one of the three key virtues of the Christian faith: faith, hope and love (1 Cor. 13:13).

Hope is ‘a strong and confident expectation of future reward.’

Paying attention to keeping promises, telling the truth, offering hospitality, and expressing gratitude are key to Christian faith and they are the **friends of hope**.

As expressed by Martin Luther King Jr., “We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.”

... quoted from *The Parish Paper: ideas and insights for active congregations*, August 2017, Volume 25, No. 8



## WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

### **Employment Opportunity:**

Fairview Mennonite Home and Parkwood Mennonite Home are seeking a CEO to work with the senior leadership team to maintain a leading position in providing quality elder care programs as well as maintaining their unique position within the communities they serve. Please see the job description posted on Bulletin Board # 5 or visit [www.maxwellmanagementgroup.com](http://www.maxwellmanagementgroup.com) and follow the links.



Loved by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we follow Jesus Christ.  
As a welcoming Mennonite community,  
we worship God, nurture each other  
and extend God's love and peace to all.