



World Upside Down

February 2nd, 2020

Prelude Annie Schulz

Welcome Kevin McCabe

Call to Worship

Leader: God our deliverer, you walk with the meek and the poor,
the compassionate and those who mourn,

People: and you call us to walk humbly with you.

Leader: When we are foolish, be our wisdom;

People: when we are weak, be our strength;

**All: that, as we learn to do justice and to love mercy,
your rule may come as blessing.**

Prayer

*Hymn *Blessed Jesus, at your word* HWB 13

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Offering/Offertory/Prayer *All the Way my Saviour Leads Me*
Molly & Annie

Scripture Reading Micah 6:1-8 [OT p.866]

*Hymn *What does the Lord require* HWB 409

Prayers of the People Pastor Doug

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:1-12 [NT p.4] Julie Plunkett

Music Group *Blest are They*

Sermon "THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN" Laurence Steven

*Hymn of Response *Strong Son of God, immortal Love* HWB 488

Benediction

*Sending Hymn *Breathe on me, breath of God* HWB 356 v.1,2

It is good to be together in worship this morning!

The ushers are pleased to help any who need assistance.

Please stay for coffee fellowship after the service.

Voices Together is the new hymnal for the Mennonite Church and will be available in the Fall of 2020. While we will not be replacing our current hymnals at Grace with this new release at this time, we will be ordering a few copies to be used as a worship resource. If you are interested in wanting this new hymnal as a personal copy for your home, please let Lorraine Sawatzky know before the end of February. She will include your order when calling in the church order on Monday, March 2nd. Approximate cost is \$32.99 per hymnal, plus any taxes/shipping if applicable.

OUTREACH & INSIGHT

Grace Gives! (Special Project Report) - Grace Women's Group had decided to make Lincoln Centennial Elementary School's Early Reading and Literacy programs their Christmas project. At the dinner in early December donations were collected and \$1000 was sent to the school. This allowed staff to buy each student his or her own book for Christmas. The remaining funds will be used for their ESL program, which helps some of the children from families sponsored by Bridge of Hope. Irmgard Penner reports that the LCS Principal was so overwhelmed she called Irmgard personally to give thanks.

John Rempel Book Launch @ Peace of Cake - On Friday, February 21, at 7 pm we will host an evening where John Rempel will present ideas from his freshly published book *Recapturing An Enchanted World: Ritual and Sacrament in the Free Church Tradition*. This is the first book in a series on worship being published by InterVarsity Press. John's book shows that "by embracing life-giving and peacemaking practices, the worship of...the whole body of Christ might be transformed and become enchanted once again."

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD

Face2Face – Us and Them: How did we become so polarized?

Join a former radio host, mediator, farmer-writer, and student to explore why our public and churchly discourse is so often characterized by 'us and them' divisions between people and groups who see and understand the world differently. Reimagine the role of listening, dialogue, patience, and bridge-building with those with whom we differ. ***This event will be live-streamed.*** Monday, February 10, 7 pm, Marpec Commons cmu.ca/face2face/



Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) completes Phase One of rebuild/repair work in Renfrew County, Ontario thanks to many volunteers. For the past three months, 97 volunteers put in 515 volunteers days to build one new home, an addition on another home and repair three homes. Five more homeowners are now back in their homes after Spring 2019 flooding. There are still homeowners waiting to return, so MDS is planning Phase Two for spring 2020.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

... those facing health challenges and those experiencing recent and continued grief.

... each week MCEC staff pray for the faith communities within our MCEC community of congregations. Join MCEC in praying for **Poole Mennonite Church** in Poole, ON.

... the MCC refugee resettlement team. The team has received 100 requests for named sponsorship cases and, because of limited capacity, are not able to submit all the cases to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada. Please pray for wisdom and discernment for the team as they decide which cases to submit.

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