



March 1st, 2020

Show us Life ~ Lent 1

Prelude Annie Schulz

Welcome Pastor Doug

Call to Worship

Leader: God of wilderness and water,
your Son was baptized and tempted as we are.

**People: Guide us through this Lenten season,
that we may not avoid struggle,
but open ourselves to blessing.**

**All: *May the cleansing depths of repentance
and the heaven-rending words of the Spirit,
show us life.***

Prayer

*Hymn *O worship the King* HWB 66

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Offering/Offerory/Prayer

Scripture Reading Psalm 32:1-7 [OT p.506]

*Hymn *O Power of love* HWB 593

Confession and Words of Assurance

Women's Chorus *Dust and Ashes / Tree of Life*

Prayers of the People

Scripture Reading Romans 5:12-19 [NT p. 156] Diana Lantin

*Hymn *I stand amazed in the presence* HWB 528 v.1,2,3

Sermon "SIN NO MATCH FOR GRACE" Pastor David

*Hymn of Response *Marvelous grace of our loving Lord*
HWB 151 v. 1,3

Benediction

*Sending Hymn *Lenten Hymn*

*From the dawning of creation,
you have loved us as your own,
stay with us through all temptation,
make us turn to you alone,
make us turn to you alone.*

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.

Focus Group ~ Our first Sunday with *The Bible Unwrapped*. If you have the book, please read pages 1-39. If not, simply come with your questions. Copies of the book will be available. Bring a friend.

OFFERING FOR SUNDAY February 23rd, 2020

Budget – \$3,060.00

Attendance – 49

SCRIPTURE READINGS for March 8th, 2020

Genesis 12:1-4a

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Psalms 121

John 3:1-17

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

THURSDAY 9:00 am Quilting

SUNDAY 9:30 am Doug Schulz, Speaker

🎵 **Women's Chorus Practices** ~ Thursday March 12, 6:30 pm;
Sunday March 15, 9 & 11 am; Thursday April 2, 6:30 pm;
Sunday April 5, 9:00 am; Sunday April 12, 9:00 am

Many thanks to those who supported the Soup Supper.



\$706.00 will be directed to Haiti – Pastor Accilien Ministry.

Thank you so much to everyone who set up, brought food, served, and cleaned up at a very successful soup supper!



MCC Elmira Meat Canning dates are April 22-26.

Contact Pastor David if you are interested in participating.



You are invited to participate in a Maundy Thursday service in a contemplative Anabaptist style held at Grace Mennonite Church, Thursday, April 9 at 4 p.m. The service will mark our final steps with Jesus to the cross in preparation for Communion the next day, Good Friday. There will be an opportunity to engage in Footwashing (or Handwashing) as a sign of our commitment to be the servants and light of Jesus in the world.

Office News ~ This will be Pastor David scheduled week off. He will be attending Pastor's Week at AMBS from Monday – Thursday. ~ Ester is away on vacation February 29 – March 11. Lorraine Sawatzky will be filling in at the office. Please have all bulletin announcements in by Thursday morning March 5th.

OUTREACH & INSIGHT

Prayers During Lent - During Lent season approaching Holy Week (Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday), there are five Sundays when this "Box" will offer an idea for us to practice a form of prayer. [Source: Teresa A. Blythe]

Intercessory Prayer - Communicating with God our deepest hopes and desires for others.

1. Sit comfortably and take a few deep breaths, and say to yourself: "Here I am in the presence of God's everlasting care and love."
2. Out loud or in our mind, name who and what you are praying for
3. In silence, imagine God's light surrounding the person - or imagine Jesus sitting beside or holding the person; and imagine the person becoming whole or reconciled in the situation
4. Ask that's God's desire and purpose be fulfilled for the person. Leave the outcome in God's hands.

Bridge of Hope Fundraiser Concert - Come hear the music of WomEnchant Choir on Sunday, March 8 at 7:30 pm, at Beamsville Trinity United Church (4287 William St. Beamsville). Tickets - \$20.00. Proceeds will be shared with Bridge of Hope's Refugee Sponsorship Program. Call 905-563-4943 to reserve tickets.



MCC News – Make Coins Count – The MCC Coin Container has received it's quarterly clearing prior to the new Hamburg Relief Sale at the end of May. We have collected \$117. in coin since last May for work of MCC. We are about \$20. behind our collection at the same time last year. If you have a few coins left over after you file your income tax return, please consider this worthy cause. Go ahead and make a loud noise when you drop in those nickels, dimes and quarters. You'll feel great when you think of the relief around the world that you are contributing to.

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD

The Interfaith Social Assistance Reform Coalition (ISARC), of which MCC is a member organization, has presented a submission to the Ontario government regarding the 2020 Ontario budget. ISARC advocates on behalf of our fellow Ontarians in low income households that are struggling to support themselves and their families. This submission is an opportunity to put forward specific policies and initiatives designed to help these families improve their quality of life.

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 Rockway Mennonite Church in Kitchener, ON.

... Pray for Fanosie Legesse, MCEC Intercultural Mission Minister, and Norm Dyck, MCEC Mission Minister, as they meet with Meserete Kristos Church and College to teach and strengthen relationships and connections on behalf of MCEC and MC Canada

... all leaders involved in dialogue regarding Wet'suwet'en nation's rights to use wisdom and discernment. We pray for the well-being and safety of all involved and pray for government and industry to uphold the rights of indigenous peoples as expressed in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People.

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