



March 8, 2020

Show us Life ~ Lent II

Prelude Annie Schulz

Welcome Pastor David

Call to Worship

Leader: God of wilderness and water,
we wish to follow you in faithfulness

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

Leader: May we trust in your faithful, loving presence
and the help that you provide to heart and mind.

**All: Invite us into new ways of thinking and being,
even as we keep old commitments to you.
Keep us strong, show us life.**

Prayer

*Hymn *The God of Abraham praise* HWB 162

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Offering/Offertory/Prayer *Jesus, Lover of my soul*
Molly and Annie

Scripture Reading Genesis 12:1-4a [OT p.10]

*Hymn *If you but trust in God* HWB 576

Confession and Words of Assurance

Song *Beauty for brokenness* Diana Lantin

Prayers of the People

Scripture Reading Romans 4:1-5,13-17 [NT p.154] Julie Plunkett

*Hymn *We walk by faith* HWB 570

Sermon "A Promise is A Promise" Pastor Doug

*Hymn of Response *Obey my voice*

HWB 163

Benediction

*Sending Hymn *Lenten Hymn*

*In our call to be a blessing,
may we be a blessing true,
may we live and die confessing
Christ as Lord of all we do,
Christ as Lord of all we do.*

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 ~ We will take time to respond to the sermon and then continue our study of the book **THE BIBLE UNWRAPPED: MAKING SENSE OF SCRIPTURE TODAY.**

One-time visitors are welcome.

OFFERING FOR SUNDAY March 1st, 2020

Budget – \$2,920.00

Attendance – 49

SCRIPTURE READINGS for March 15th, 2020

Exodus 17:1-7

Romans 5:1-11

Psalms 95

John 4:5-42

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

THURSDAY 9:00 am Quilting

10:30 am Church Council

SUNDAY 9:30 am David Brubacher, 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



MCC News – Elmira Meat Canning and Sale – The Elmira meat canning will take place during the week of April 20-24 (not April 22-26 as previously reported). Our Grace volunteers intend to work the afternoon shift on Wed. April 22nd and will bring our meat orders back to Grace early that evening. Order forms are in some mailboxes or are available on the MCC table in the lobby or from Ted S. Cheques made payable to MCCO should be dated April 22nd and given to Ted S. with your order form by March 31. Thank you for your support.

Quakers and Mennonites on Peace-Making @ Peace of Cake - On Friday, March 27, at 7 pm Jonathan Seiling will focus on his research into comparative ideas about peace-making in the Mennonite and Quaker traditions. A Quaker document from 1952 states: "Our peace testimony is much more than our special attitude to world affairs; it expresses our vision of the whole Christian way of life; it is our way of living in this world, of looking at this world and of changing this world." Are Mennonites as convinced? Come be refreshed in the meaning and practice of Christian pacifism!

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.

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD

MDS News – Please look and read the latest news and building projects of MDS (Mennonite Disaster Service) on the MDS/MCC bulletin board in the foyer.

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 Rouge Valley Mennonite Church in Markham, ON.

OUTREACH & INSIGHT

Bridge of Hope Fundraiser Concert - Come hear the music of WomEnchant Choir on today at 7:30 pm, at Beamsville Trinity United Church (4287 William St. Beamsville). Tickets - \$20.00 available at the door. Proceeds will be shared with Bridge of Hope's Refugee Sponsorship Program.

Prayers During Lent - Here is another idea for focusing on the practice of prayer (from "50 Ways to Pray" by Teresa A. Blythe).

Healing Prayer - There is no one way to pray for healing. Sometimes we want healing for our self or another person, but we don't know what we want God to do. Using visualization helps us pray meaningfully.

- 1) Simply sit quietly and say: "I am praying for God's healing of _____."
- 2) Visualize a bright, warm light from God surrounding you as you pray.
- 3) Picture that light expanding and surrounding the person or situation that needs healing. See the light softening and releasing any dysfunction or pain. Feel love and compassion for the person or situation. Do this for a few minutes.
- 4) Picture the light becoming more concentrated and burning brightly in your heart and in the heart of the persons prayed for.
- 5) Close with a silent or whispered prayer of gratitude for God's healing presence.

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