



March 15, 2020

*Show us Life ~ Lent III*

Prelude Annie Schulz

Welcome Pastor Doug

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let's sing out loud to the Lord!

**People: Let's raise a joyful shout to the Rock of our Salvation!**

Leader: Come, you who are thirsty  
and can find no water in the desert.

**People: We bring our questions, our doubts,  
to the Rock of our Salvation.**

Leader: Come and see the One who is to us living water.

**People: Jesus, show us who you are and who we are;  
show us - LIFE.**

**All: Let's raise a joyful shout to the Rock of our Salvation!**

Prayer

\*Hymn *O come, loud anthems let us sing* HWB 68

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Response: And also with you.**

Offering/Offerory/Prayer *Rock of Ages* Molly & Annie

Scripture Reading Exodus 17:1-7 [OT p.64]

\*Hymn *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah* HWB 582

Confession and Words of Assurance

Women's Chorus *God Fill Me Now*

Prayers of the People

Scripture Reading John 4:5-15 [NT p.94] Margaret Heinrichs

Sermon "... YES OR NO?" Pastor David

\*Hymn of Response *I hunger and I thirst* HWB 474

Benediction

\*Sending Hymn      *Lenten Hymn*

*Living Water of salvation,  
be the fountain of each soul,  
springing up in new creation,  
flow in us and make us whole,  
flow in us and make us whole*

***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** will not meet today but will join the coffee hour.

<p><b><u>OFFERING FOR SUNDAY March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020</u></b> Budget – \$2,465.00      Attendance – 52</p>
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**SCRIPTURE READINGS for March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**

1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Psalm 93

Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	Memorial Service for Anne Rempel
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Quilting
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	David Brubacher, Speaker

**♪ Women's Chorus Practices ~**

Today March 15, 11 am; Thursday April 2, 6:30 pm;  
Sunday April 5, 9:00 am; Sunday April 12, 9:00 am



**Congratulations and Best Wishes** to Jake & Kathy Hildebrand as they celebrate their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary today March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Office News** ~ Pastor Doug and Annie will be on vacation March 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>.



**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.

**Good Friday and Communion Service** – April 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am

### **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. Please check your mailbox for an MDS story and picture of one of the people helped in Renfrew, ON.



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**Join the MEDA Niagara network hub** on **Saturday, March 28** for a special evening with dessert, conversation, and the opportunity to hear Dr. Dorothy Nyambi, MEDA's new President and CEO. The event will be held 7-9pm at St Catharines United Mennonite Church, Fellowship Room. The event is free but RSVP requested: RSVP online: [www.meda.org/niagara-events](http://www.meda.org/niagara-events) or email [lmiller@meda.org](mailto:lmiller@meda.org)



**MCC event at Grace Mennonite Church**  
Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm Thomas Neufeld, MCC Ontario Stewardship Associate, CFGB Projects will share stories from his recent learning tour to Ethiopia and MCC's partnership with a Canadian Food Grains Project.



### **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 **Shalom Worship and Healing Centre**, Kitchener, ON

## OUTREACH & INSIGHT

**Do Quakers and Mennonites Agree?** 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. Come be refreshed in the meaning and practice of Christian pacifism!

**Prayers During Lent** - Joy Harjo is an American Indigenous writer who calls us toward justice for people and creation. Read her poem and think about the power of praise to overcome all things.

### Praise the Rain

Praise the rain; the seagull dive  
The curl of plant, the raven talk—  
Praise the hurt, the house slack  
The stand of trees, the dignity—  
Praise the dark, the moon cradle  
The sky fall, the bear sleep—  
Praise the mist, the warrior name  
The earth eclipse, the fired leap—  
Praise the backwards, upward sky  
The baby cry, the spirit food—  
Praise canoe, the fish rush  
The hole for frog, the upside-down—  
Praise the day, the cloud cup  
The mind flat, forget it all—  
Praise crazy. Praise sad.  
Praise the path on which we're led.  
Praise the roads on earth and water.  
Praise the eater and the eaten.  
Praise beginnings; praise the end.  
Praise the song and praise the singer.  
Praise the rain; it brings more rain.  
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