



April 12th, 2026 9:30 a.m.

Eastertide

Prelude

Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts

Darrell Winger

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is Risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Even when we are fearful, behind locked doors,

**People: Christ comes into our midst, saying,
"Peace be with you."**

Leader: Even when we are doubting, looking for signs,

People: Christ shows us his wounds and shares his Spirit.

Leader: We bring our brokenness to the Wounded Healer.

All: We worship with joy! Alleluia!

Prayer

Hymn

This Joyful Eastertide

VT #352

Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Offerings

Hymn

The Risen Christ

VT #345

Prayers of the People

Darrell Winger

Grace Singers

You are Crowned with Many Crowns

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 (NT p.119)

Hymn

These Things Did Thomas Count

VT #343

(Tune O Master Let Me Walk With Thee)

Scripture Reading

John 20:19-31 (NT p.115)

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations.

This week we hold **Elmira Mennonite Church** in prayer.

Kara Carter provides pastoral leadership for this congregation. Pray for this congregation as they serve their community in ways that demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ, giving hope and working for peace.

Westgate Mennonite Collegiate Music Tour – Westgate Mennonite Collegiate is a Mennonite high school in Winnipeg whose mission is to inspire and empower students to live as people of God. Westgate's Concert Choir, Concert Band, Vocal Jazz Ensemble, and Senior Jazz Band will be at Bethany Mennonite Church on Monday, April 20th at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!



Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC) Annual Church Gathering (ACG) takes place Saturday April 25th at Steinman Mennonite Church, Baden, ON.

“As we come together for ACG, our hope is that we and our congregations will be energized by our time together in worship, in workshops, in prayer, in story-telling, in decision-making and in new and renewed friendships.” – Ben Cassels, Moderator.

Carol Penner from the First Mennonite Church is collecting Bibles (used or new) to send to a church in Kyangwali Refugee Settlement in Western Uganda. Alpha Kanisa, an undergraduate student at Conrad Grebel University where Carol works, came from this refugee camp to study, sponsored by the World University Service of Canada. Alpha's church in the camp has 8000 people and only a handful of Bibles, his pastor has encouraged him to try to find Bibles to send home. Alpha asked me whether I knew anywhere he could find Bibles or New Testaments in English (which is one of the languages spoken in the camp). I said I would make an appeal to churches I know in the area. The shipping for the Bibles has already been arranged, thank you for checking your house to see if you have any Bibles that you can spare. **Please bring any extra Bibles to your church by April 26th**, and I will come and pick them up. Thank you for sharing the Good News!
Please place your spare Bibles in the box in the foyer.



From MCEC: God of peace, amid the recent waves of violence, loss and unrest unfolding across our world, we come before you seeking your steadying presence. Hold close all who are grieving, fearful or displaced, and soften hearts where anger and division have taken root. May your peace take hold in communities and nations, guiding us toward compassion, restraint and hope.



Calling for an end to the violence

MCC laments the U.S. military aggression against Iran and mourns our collective failure to stop the endless cycles of violence and the cheapening of human life. We know a better world is possible—because Jesus showed us the way.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven.
 Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come.
 Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those that trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory.
 For ever and ever Amen.

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