



April 13th, 2025 9:30 a.m.
Palm Sunday

Prelude Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts
Lighting the Christ Candle Pam Pauls

Women's Chorus *Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts*

Call to Worship

Leader: We profess today, as Easter is coming up on the way,
that we expect Christ to prove the worth
of what he does and says.

**People: But we confess that our expectations
can just be demands from our own pride.**

Leader: Christ challenges us to let him expose the true desires
of our hearts and minds.

**People: When we surrender ourselves in that way,
Christ shows us who he truly is.**

**All: Thanks be to God, that we can experience
the revelation of God's compassion for us
and all people everywhere in the presence of Jesus
and in his mission to the world.**

Prayer

Hymn *All glory, laud, and honor* HWB #237, vv.1,4,5

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People Pam Pauls

Hymn *Hosanna, loud hosanna* HWB #238

Scripture Reading Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 (OT p.565)

Grace Singers *Jesus is Coming / Holy Lord*

Scripture Reading Luke 19:28-40 (NT p.83)

Meditation "The Unphotogenic Jesus" Mac Plunkett

Hymn of Response *Ah, holy Jesus* HWB #254

Benediction

Mac Plunkett

Sending

Ride on, ride on in majesty

HWB #239

Postlude

*It is good to be together in worship this morning!
The ushers are pleased to help any who need assistance.*

[Offering plate is available on table at back of sanctuary]

*Adult Sunday School after the service today
in the Fellowship Hall (Lower Level)*

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 6th ~ Attendance – 44

♪ **Women's Chorus** ~ Thursdays April 24th,
May 8th & 22nd at 9:30 a.m.

Good Friday Service, April 18th, 9:30 a.m. with Communion.
Coffee and Hot Cross Buns following the service.

Easter Sunday Service April 20th ~ Speaker: Darrell Winger
Scripture Readings; Isaiah 65:17-25, Luke 24:1-12
Coffee and Paska following the service.

2025 Grace Telephone Directory ~ Please check your Grace mailbox for your copy.

Niagara Area Mennonite Churches Service

On Sunday, June 1st, we will again be participating in a joint Worship Service for the Mennonite churches in our area. It will be at the Linwell Church (335 Linwell Rd.) at 10:30 am. Following the service, fellowship and ice cream will be enjoyed. Children's activities and coffee for adults are offered at 9:30 am. There will be no service here at Grace that morning.

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



From MCEC (Mennonite Church Eastern Canada)

God of peace and order, we lift up Myanmar, Thailand and all places experiencing turmoil and suffering. In the midst of chaos, bring healing, hope and justice. Strengthen those who work for peace, and help us embody your love in a broken world.

Bears and Blankets / Free Books for Kids (Bears and Books)

Greetings! In response to two recent articles in three local newspapers, we have had MANY requests for Bears and Blankets Care Kits and for Children's Books! I'm delighted! When these orders are filled, this will put us over 1000 Care Kits and 675 Children's Books provided.

I welcome donations of small homey blankets and contemporary children's books. 😊 Let your friends and family know! My contact info is in your bulletin. Love always! Jan Steven

Seasons Chorale Easter Performance - Sunday April 13 @ 3pm
Linwell Church, 335 Linwell Rd. St. Catharines

"The Bible and the War in Gaza"

a 3 part webinar study with Dan-Epp Tiessen

Wednesdays 10:30 Eastern Time, April 16, 23, & 30

For more information see: www.mennonitechurch.ca/pin



MCEC Annual Church Gathering 2025, Saturday, April 26, 2025, 10 - 11:30 a.m., online.

Join us for this year's online business meeting, Called to Action by the Power of the Holy Spirit. Pray for wisdom and discernment as we tend to the business that supports and strengthens our shared ministry. To register: <https://mcec.ca/annualchurchgathering/>



Training Active Bystanders – Become a More Informed Bystander

April 27th, 2 - 4:30 p.m., The First Mennonite Church, Vineland. As any bystander witnessing a potentially harmful situation knows, discerning how to move from passive observation to effective action is not easy. Training Active Bystanders (TAB) equips participants with the tools they need to prevent harm-doing and contribute to a healthier community. Join us at this community event – to mcc.org/events/training-active-bystanders-niagara to learn more and to register today.



MC Canada Gathering 2025 July 2 - 5, 2025, Kitchener-Waterloo, ON.

MCEC is hosting this year's MC Canada Gathering. Three exciting "tracks" for registration: Gathering 2025; U30 Gathering 2025 and Youth Gathering 2025. More information and to register for this exciting nationwide event! (hyperlink: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/nationwide-events/Gathering2025>)

A Minute for MEDA - Eastern Rwanda's Largest Cassava Seed Multiplier Boosts Food Security and Decent Work for Farmers
MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates) is an international economic development organization that creates business solutions to poverty.

At just 34 years old, Vincent Mwiseneza is the largest cassava seed multiplier in Rwanda's Eastern Province. Through a partnership with MEDA and the Virus Resistant Cassava for Africa project, Vincent produces disease-resistant cassava seeds for farmers in the region. Learn more about how he leverages innovation in irrigation and provides decent work opportunities to 50-100 people every day by visiting the MEDA website. **You can give** online. You can give by your offering. If by cash, designate the envelope "MEDA Rwanda." If by cheque, make the cheque payable to the church and designate "MEDA Rwanda" on the memo line/ envelope. By e-transfer, put "MEDA Rwanda" in the message box. Any questions? Our treasurer Lorraine would love to help.

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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