



April 19th, 2026 9:30 a.m.

Eastertide

Prelude		Annie Schulz
Gathering Thoughts		Mac Plunkett
Lighting the Christ Candle		
Call to Worship		
Leader:	We hear your voice in Scripture.	
People:	Let it be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path.	
Leader:	We are nourished by your body and blood.	
People:	Let us ruminare on your teachings.	
Leader:	You have given us the Great Commission.	
People:	Let us preach Your word.	
All:	Let us worship you today, O Lord.	
Prayer		
Hymn	<i>Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing</i>	VT #359
Passing of the Peace		
Prayer for Offerings		
Musical Reflection	<i>Abide With Me</i>	
Prayers of the People		Mac Plunkett
Hymn	<i>O God beyond All Praising</i>	VT #814
Scripture Reading	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (OT p.564)	
Hymn	<i>Open My Eyes</i>	VT #732
Scripture Reading	Luke 24:13-35 (NT p.90)	
Meditation	"When Signs Begin to 'Speak'"	Laur Steven
Hymn of Response	<i>The Risen Christ</i>	VT #345
Benediction		Laur Steven
Sending Hymn	<i>We Have Been Sent by God</i>	VT #771
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]

Coffee Time after the service today in the Church Hall

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance ~ Sunday April 12th - 41

Worship Committee ~ Wednesday April 22nd 10:30 am

Women's Chorus ~ Thursday April 23rd at 9:30 am

Sunday April 26th ~ Speaker: Darrell Winger
Scripture Readings: Acts 2:42-47; John 10:1-10

Church Council ~ Wednesday April 29th at 1:30 pm

Coffee Times ~ May 3rd, May 10th, May 24th

Rejoice Devotional Booklet: Are you interested in having a subscription to the Rejoice Devotional Booklet published by MennoMedia? The subscription year begins in September and I need to submit for new subscribers by the end of May. The devotional is sent out quarterly and a number of the daily readings are submitted by Mennonite writers. The estimated cost of a yearly subscription is approximately \$55-60 per person, depending on how many subscribers we have. I would let you know what the exact cost would be after May 15th. If you would like to be added to our list, please call me or email me by May 15th. Lorraine Sawatzky, Treasurer

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations. This week we hold **Église Bethésda Mennonite de Saint-Hyacinthe** in prayer. Amuri Ayeba provides pastoral leadership for this congregation. Pray for this congregation, begun in 2020, as they serve their community just east of Montreal.

Anyone in need of a CPAP machine? They are the primary treatment for obstructive sleep apnea. Sandra Aitken has three available. Please contact Ester in the office to follow up.

Parking Lot “Yard Sale” call for volunteers

The Grace Peace Group (GPG) and Niagara Palestine Coalition (NPC) are beginning to plan a “Yard Sale” to follow up on its very successful sale held last August. That sale earned \$5300.00 to assist Gazan families in Niagara who are supporting family members living in Gaza. We are hoping to finalize the date soon, but early plans are for either option a) Saturday June 20 or 27, or option b) Saturday September 5 or 12. The NPC provides most of the volunteers, but the GPG is calling for a few Grace volunteers to help with *pickup of Grace donations in the week before the event; *“staging” of the donations on the Friday evening before the event; *setup of the venue on the morning of the event (7:00 am- 9:00 am); *teardown of the venue after the event (approx. 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 pm). *We would also greatly appreciate donations to the baking table! If you can help out, please contact Laur Steven (laursteven53@gmail.com). Thanks!



Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) Opportunity

MCC Thrift in St. Catharines is hiring for a Canada Summer Jobs position: **Associate Workroom/Receiving**. This role involves assisting with receiving donations, sorting, and preparing items for sale. It's a great opportunity for a student or young adult looking for summer employment.

For more information or to apply, please visit the MCC website:
<https://mccglobal.my.site.com/MCCJobs/s/>

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. Please bring any extra Bibles to Grace by April 26th, and she will come and pick them up. Thank you for sharing the Good News!
Please place your spare Bibles in the box in the foyer.

Niagara Bethany Handbell Choir 50th Anniversary Celebration Everyone is warmly invited — with a special welcome to all Handbell Choir alumni — to join us for an anniversary concert on Sunday, May 3 at 3:00 pm at Bethany Mennonite Church, Niagara-on-the-Lake. Together we will celebrate 50 years of handbell music and community, honouring the legacy begun by Ella Dick and faithfully continued by Tracey Frena. Following the concert, please stay for a time of fellowship and enjoy a display of cherished memorabilia from the handbell choir's history.



Plant Sale & Donations Needed

MCC Thrift in St. Catharines is hosting a **Plant Sale on Friday May 8th 9:00 am – 8:00 pm**

We are currently accepting donations of **annuals, perennials, planters, and gently used garden supplies** the week of May 4. Donations can be dropped off at MCC Thrift.

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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