



HE IS
Risen



April 20th, 2025 9:30 a.m.
Easter Sunday

Prelude Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts Laur Steven
Lighting the Christ Candle

Women's Chorus *Jesus is Alive*

Call to Worship

Leader: We profess today that we want to meet Christ, our Lord,
arisen from the grave.

People: **But we confess that our 'bad news world' keeps us
preoccupied with death.**

Leader: Christ challenges our hearts and minds
to open up to God's light and life.

People: **When we take deep breaths with hallelujahs
lifting our spirit high, we know that Christ is Lord
of earth and sky, of the universe,
of all things temporal and eternal!**

All: ***Thanks be to God, that we are raised up again and
again with hope eternal, for life abundant in every
age and stage, until we come to see Christ Jesus,
face to face. Until then, we say Hallelujah for God's
redeeming grace!***

Prayer

Hymn *Christ the Lord is risen today* HWB #280, vv.1-4

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection *Easter Carol* Women's Chorus

Prayers of the People Laur Steven

Hymn *O sons and daughters, let us sing* HWB #274, vv.1,2,4,5

Scripture Reading Isaiah 65:17-25 (OT p.696)

Grace Singers *Christ is Risen / Alleluia*

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**. This week we pray for **Shalom Worship and Healing Centre**, Guelph. Hizbay Nigussa provides pastoral leadership for this vibrant and growing community that worships on the east side of Guelph.



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.

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GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 13th ~ Attendance – 56

Church Council ~ Wednesday April 23rd, 1:30 p.m.

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

Sunday, April 27th ~ Speaker: Doug Schulz
Scripture Readings: Psalm 118:14-29, Acts 5:27-32

Please check your Grace mailbox for the second edition of *Graceletter, Grace on the Way*.

Rejoice Devotional Booklet: Are you interested in having a subscription to the Rejoice Devotional Booklet, published by MennoMedia? The new subscription year starts this coming September and I need to submit for the new and old subscribers by the end of May. This devotional is sent out quarterly and a number of the daily readings are submitted by Mennonite writers. The estimated cost of a yearly subscription may be \$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 or email me by May 15th. Lorraine Sawatzky, Treasurer

Grace Peace Group ~ On Saturday, April 12, members of Grace Peace Group attended a gathering for Peace and Justice in Palestine. We urge you to pray and work for Global Common Good and to support MCC's work in Gaza. <https://mcc.org/>

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.



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 Moment for Mennonite Disaster Services - Crews of five to eight volunteers helped municipalities clear branches and trees from roads and on 12 home properties over the week following the storm!

Sometimes, MDS experiences come full circle. This was the case for Deb and John, who were introduced to MDS in 2008 when John was invited to volunteer on an MDS assignment in New Orleans, Louisiana. He "caught the bug" and participated in three more assignments in the years following.

Fast forward to 2025 and the couple is unexpectedly served by a local MDS crew after a spring ice storm hits their central Ontario community. "It was music to our ears, those chainsaws," said Deb. "We celebrated how God created such a great surprise... being a full circle with MDS for us. A blessing that came back to us."

What to support MDS? You can give online. You can give by your offering. If by cash, designate the envelope "MDS." If by cheque, make the cheque payable to the church and designate "MDS" on the memo line/ envelope. By e-transfer, put "MDS in the message box. Any questions? Our treasurer Lorraine would love to help.

MDS - Striving to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those affected by disasters. <https://mds.org/>

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