



**April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 9:30 a.m.**

**Turn to Jesus, go with the Spirit**

**Prelude** Ester Funk

**Gathering Thoughts** Laur Steven

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship, Prayer**

Leader: Lord, because you bent down to hear us,

**People: we will call on you as long as we live.**

Leader: In our anguish and distress we called on your name,

**People: and you saved our lives from the grave.**

Leader: We lift up the cup of salvation

***All: and drink deeply of new life.***

**Hymn** *This joyful Eastertide* HWB #276

**Passing of the Peace**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Musical Reflection**

**Prayers of the People** Laur Steven

**Hymn** *Christ is risen! Shout hosanna* HWB #272

**Scripture Reading** Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 [OT p.564]

**Grace Singers** *On the journey to Emmaus*

**Scripture Reading** Luke 24:13-35 [NT p.90]

**Meditation** "ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS AND BACK AGAIN!"  
Jan Steven

**Hymn of Response** *Break thou the bread of life* HWB #360

**Benediction** (Congregation please stand) Jan Steven

**Sending Hymn** *Open My Eyes* Back of bulletin

**Postlude**

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

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

## **GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Attendance – 40      Budget Offering – \$440.00

**Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** – Worship Service [9:30 a.m.]

Speaker: Ramona Neufeld

**Scripture Texts:** Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25;  
John 10:1-10

Ramona attends Niagara United Mennonite Church

***Coffee Time following the service.***

### **♥ Pastoral Care Team (Grace Friends)**

Some of our Grace MC Family are not able to attend our Sunday services but welcome prayers, phone calls, cards, and visits. Their contact information is in the Church Directory. These friends include (but are not limited to): Tom B, John B, Jake B (Ester's father), Reg F, Agnes G, Abe H, Francine and Theo I, Erika I, Hertha J, Mary L, Helene M, and Alice T. Have I missed anyone? Let me know. With love from your pastoral care chaplain, Jan Steven.

**Please hold the family of Peter Dyck** in your prayers. Peter died Tuesday evening. The funeral will be at Grace on Wednesday, April 26 at 11 am. Visitation will be prior to the service at 10 am.

**Please hold Theo and Francie Ilunga** in your prayers.

**Please continue to hold Deborah and Harry Nickerson** in your prayers.

♪ **Women's Chorus** ~ Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.

## **ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD**



### **From Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC)**

\*Each week we pray for a faith community within the MCEC of congregations. This week we pray for **Wilmot Mennonite Church**, New Hamburg, ON. Susan Allison-Jones provides leadership to this congregation.

\*The Holy Land has seen a sharp rise in violence related to Israel's more open policies of control over Palestinian lives and land. With our Christian brothers and sisters in **Palestine and Israel**, pray for a renewal of love, hope and united witness in God's way of justice and peace. – from Mennonite Church Canada's Palestine-Israel Network Working Groups

\***Bible Missionary Church (Mennonite) Leaders in Myanmar** are grateful for funding from Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite World Conference which is being used for medical supplies and emergency food-aid to people in areas that have experienced bombing from the military. One recent attack, at the opening of a new village office, killed over 100 people. As people gathered to identify their loved ones, a second attack took place resulting in more death. Pray for God's mercy and peace to flood Myanmar.

\*Continue to **pray for places throughout our world where the people cry out for peace**. Lord, hear our prayers.

### **Blanket Exercise – May 5<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm, at Bethany Mennonite Church**

The blanket exercise is an interactive educational program that teaches the history of Indigenous and Settler people in Canada from an Indigenous perspective. Participants stand on blankets representing lands inhabited by Indigenous Peoples. A facilitator tells the story of first contact, moving and removing blankets to show the way land was taken and peoples relocated, and to illustrate the impact of disease, war, and extinction. The exercise concludes with the participants discussing the experience in groups. To register please email [office@bethanymennonite.ca](mailto:office@bethanymennonite.ca). Participation is free.



## **A Moment for MCC: MCC Thrift Shop Volunteers**

April 16-22, 2023 was volunteer appreciation week! And MCC Thrift Shops can't thank their volunteers enough for the hard work they do!

From sifting through bags of donations, pricing items, organizing merchandise for the shop floor, and being cashiers, MCC Thrift volunteers make these shops run everyday!

If you or someone you know would like to volunteer at MCC Thrift on Grantham, they'd love to hear from you. (905) 682-8944.

MCC Thrift stores welcome donations all year long.

And don't forget to purchase some soup made by the Raw Carrot non-profit group. 😊

**MCC – Relief, development, and peace in the name of Christ!**

### ***Open My Eyes***

*Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.*

*Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.*

*Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.*

*Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.*

*Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.*

*Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.*

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***Office Hours: 8:30-2:30 ~ Wednesday, Thursday***

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