



April 26th, 2026 9:30 a.m.

Eastertide

Prelude Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts Doug Schulz

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Leader: We are gathered today, O Lord, in your presence.

People: Your presence is real; it is resurrection power!

Leader: We are gathered here to feel the fulness of your peace.

People: Your peace is the sign of abundant life!

Leader: We are gathered together in a community of faith.

People: Our faith grows as we speak life into each other.

**All: We gather to seek and to speak
the powerful peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Prayer

Hymn *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!* VT 341

Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Offerings

Musical Reflection *Savior, like a shepherd lead us*

Prayers of the People Doug Schulz
For Those with Whom Our Lives Are Bound VT 734

Hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* VT 419

Scripture Reading Acts 2:42-47 (NT p.120)

Duet *You are the Shepherd* Annie & Diana

Scripture Reading John 10:1-10 (NT p.103)

Meditation "Giving the Gift of Life" Darrell Winger

Hymn of Response *Draw the Circle* VT 802

Benediction Darrell Winger

Sending Hymn *Sing a New World into Being* VT 809, v.1

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]

The Adult Sunday School Study Group studying the Confession of Faith will meet today after the service in the Fellowship Room. Our focus is Article 24: The Reign of God. All are welcome!

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance ~ Sunday April 19th - 38

Sunday May 3rd ~ Speaker: Richard Daniel

Scripture Readings: Psalm 1:1-3; John 15:1-8

Richard, Charissa and girls attended Grace for a period of time and currently attend Grantham MB Church.

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

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

Women's Chorus ~ Thursday May 7th at 9:30 am

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

Please check your Grace mailbox for your 2026 Grace Telephone Directory.

Sunday June 7th ~ There will be a joint cluster MCEC service at the Linwell Church. Doug Klassen, Executive Minister of Mennonite Church Canada will be the speaker. There will be no service at Grace that morning.

Hi Bears and Blankets Friends!

I welcome donations of teddy bears and lap blankets for the Care Kits for Long Term Care.

The teddies and blankets don't have to be new. Just in good shape. I'll wash 'em all up.

Sending you bear-hugs and blanket snugs! / Jan Steven

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations. This week we hold **Église de Dieu Réparateur de Brèches** in prayer. Ronald Alexandre and Rachelle Demosthene provide pastoral leadership for this congregation. Pray for this congregation composed of Haitian immigrants that has been based in Montreal for over 25 years. They worship in French, Creole and English and are drawn to the simplicity of the Anabaptist/Mennonite vision in its call to a life of discipleship rooted in Jesus.

Sunday, May 3, 1-4 pm - Masjid an-Noor Open House (117 Geneva St). Our Bridge of Hope refugee work is done in partnership with members of our local mosque. Take this opportunity to visit the mosque's experiential centres set up for this day, and taste dishes from around the world as well. Free admission. Modest clothing requested.

BoHC (Bridge of Hope Community) Update on South Sudanese Refugee Newcomers:

It has been 8 months since the Meling family (mother and four children) arrived, and 4 months since the arrival of the Dada/Wudu family group (5 adults; 2 children). These families rent homes just a few blocks apart near Harriet Tubman Public School.

Education information, by numbers: 1 - youngster in preschool; 3 - children in elementary; 2 - teens in high school; 3 - adults taking on-line high school equivalency; 2 - adults in ESL at Bridges Niagara; 1 - grandmother awaiting ESL placement.

Other important info: 3 - volunteering at MCC Thrift Store; 2 - completed G1 licenses, now taking driver training; 1 - part-time job in a 'burger joint'; ?# - visits to dentists & doctors as life-long untended health issues get treated; 12 - bicycles donated; 12 - people on settlement teams (each family has a team); 6 - Grace people active in meetings and settlement work; 4 - Mennonite churches involved in BoHC work, along with two mosques, a United Church, and Quakers.

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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