



April 27th, 2025 9:30 a.m.
Second Sunday of Easter

Prelude Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts David Brubacher
Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: The light and power of Jesus' resurrection continues
with life changing affect.

People: Jesus is among us in the shadows of our times.

Leader: The glorious presence of our risen Saviour assures us,

People: that we too can share in his resurrection.

Leader: Redeemed and restored to the fullness of life,
we have our being in Jesus.

**All: Thanks be to God, in Jesus we can know
the gift of salvation freely given for all.**

Prayer

Hymn *Christ has arisen* HWB #267, vv.1,3,4

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection *The Risen Christ* Women's Chorus

Prayers of the People David Brubacher

Hymn *Holy, holy, holy* HWB #120

Scripture Reading Psalm 118:14-29 (OT p.565)

Hymn *Christ is alive! Let Christians sing* HWB #278

Scripture Reading Acts 5:27-32 (NT p.123)

Meditation "Sweet Songs of Salvation" Doug Schulz

Hymn of Response *Christ is risen! Shout hosanna* HWB #272
(alternate tune)

Benediction

Doug Schulz

Sending

We Have Been Sent by God

VT #771

*We have been sent by God, with our hands prepared to serve,
and we build along with God a fam'ly here on earth. 2x*

*The angels are not sent to change this world of pain
into a world of love where peace and justice reign;
it falls to each of us to do this work today.*

We seek to do your will. Oh, help us, God, we pray. 2x

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 downstairs*

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, April 18th ~ Attendance - 60

Sunday, April 20th ~ Attendance - 73

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

Coffee Times ~ May 11th & 25th

Sunday, May 4th ~ Speaker: Darrell Winger

Scripture Readings: Psalm 145:1-13; Philipians 1:1-11

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

Several of our Grace people shared their giftedness in our worship services during Lent, Good Friday & Easter Sunday. Thank you for your contributions. Doug Schulz – Calls to Worship for Lent & Easter, Mary Koop – Lent & Easter banners, Kevin McCabe – Good Friday Reader's Theatre, Anita Stephen – Good Friday painting.

Anabaptism at 500 – Our Focus in May

On January 1, 1525, a small group of Christians secretly gathered in Zurich, Switzerland for a worship service. They experienced voluntary baptism as adults as a way of expressing a transformation of life in the way of Jesus. This was considered a radical, even heretical, act in that time and place. For many, this decision led to imprisonment, torture, and even death. But this gathering also marked the beginning of the Anabaptist movement that continues to today in the form of Amish, Hutterites, Mennonites, Mennonite Brethren, Brethren in Christ (Be in Christ in Canada), and other related groups. A movement that now spans the globe as one stream of the broader Christian Church.

In 2025, congregations within this Anabaptist/Mennonite movement, are invited to commemorate the 500th anniversary through a Sunday morning series that invites personal and congregational spiritual renewal. We want to celebrate with a focus on the Anabaptist story in May.

Week One: Renewal through Story – Darrell Winger

Week Two: Renewal through Repentance – David Brubacher

Week Three: Renewal through Trust and Yieldedness – Laur Steven

Week Four: Renewal at the Lord's Table – Darrell Winger

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



Training Active Bystanders – Become a More Informed Bystander

Today 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.

MCC Thrift on Grantham and Raw Carrot Soup

We are heading into “fancy dress” season. Save money, reduce waste, and support the work of MCC. Swing by the shop and check out their classy finds! Fresh items hit the floor every day! And you are always welcome to donate the things you are purging during your spring clean or downsizing. MCC Thrift is “Where Every Purchase Is A Gift To The World!”

Raw Carrot Soup is not raw and is not limited to carrots. There are seven kinds and they are all excellent. Not only are you supporting local farmers, you are providing meaningful employment and livelihood security to individuals on social assistance who want to, and CAN, work. These soups are available at MCC Thrift on Grantham and made excellent gifts!

We mourn with our Roman Catholic sisters and brothers on the passing of Pope Francis. “Situations can change; people can change. Be the first to seek to bring good. Do not grow accustomed to evil, but defeat it with good.” — Pope Francis

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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