



April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 9:30 a.m.

*Created in the Image of God,  
Shaped by Jesus*

Palm Sunday ~ Called to Worship

Prelude Ester Funk

Gathering Thoughts Jan Steven

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship, Prayer

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Let us rejoice in all our Lord has done,

**All: for it is marvelous in our eyes. Hosanna!**

**We bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord!**



Hymn *Open now thy gates of beauty* HWB #19

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People Jan Steven

Grace Singers *Jesus is coming / Holy Lord*

Scripture Reading Matthew 21:1-11 [NT p.23]

Hymn *All glory, laud, and honor* HWB #237, vv.1,4  
*Ah, holy Jesus* HWB #254

Scripture Reading Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 [OT p.565]

Meditation "The Psalms in Holy Week" Laur Steven

Hymn of Response *Hosanna, loud hosanna* HWB #238

Benediction (Congregation please stand) Laur Steven

Sending Hymn *Ride on, ride on in majesty* HWB #239

***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 March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Attendance – 50      Budget Offering – \$3,105.00

**Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday Communion Service** [9:30 a.m.]

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

Speaker: David Brubacher

**Scripture Texts** (Focus texts highlighted): Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;

**Colossians 3:1-4; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 28:1-10**

Coffee Time following the service.

### ♥ Pastoral Care Team (Grace Friends)

Please come and see me (Jan) after church to get your April love-note – plus a fridge magnet so you can put it on your fridge if you like. And a treat to match the scripture on your card.

From 1 Corinthians 13 *Love **BEARS** all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.*

And to meet some of the Theo-Bears that are going to our friends in Long Term Care to remind them that they are never alone. God loves them; we love them. Mary K made the scarves, Julie P embroidered the names, and I picked up these clean teddy bears at the MCC Thrift Shop on Grantham.

A request. Are you aware of a nursing home or long-term care home that has residents who are not visited very much or not at all? Ester F has made a variety of awesome blankets and shawls that would be so appreciated by someone who feels along. Plus they'll get a card, a bear-treat, and a visit from me.

Love always! / Jan and your Pastoral Care Team

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

♪ **Women's Chorus** ~ Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.

## ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



**Do you want peace in Ukraine?** As a Christian in a historic “peace church” do you feel the urgency to *do something*? Are you nevertheless feeling powerless?

**Grace Mennonite Church in St. Catharines (677 Niagara Street)** invites you to join other Niagara historic peace churches—UM, MB, BIC, and Quaker—on **Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** in the church hall to hear a catalyst **talk from Ernie Regehr**, Co-Founder and former Executive Director of Project Ploughshares, Officer of the Order of Canada, Pearson Peace Medal laureate, and Research Fellow at the Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies at Conrad Grebel University College. The topic will be **“War in Ukraine: When Peace Cannot be Won on the Battlefield.”** Focused discussion to follow. Bring a friend!



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

\*Each week we pray for a faith community within the MCEC of congregations. This week we pray for **West Hills Fellowship**. Craig Stephens provides pastoral leadership to this congregation. Pray for this group of families who worship together in the Town of Baden, Ontario.



### **MCC News - Make Coins Count**

Today, April 2nd, is count down day. After the service our MCC coin jug will be emptied and the contents counted, rolled and forwarded to MCC to assist in various relief projects around the world. If you still have some loose coin in your pocket or purse, please visit our coin jug location in the lobby before you leave. We will start a new coin campaign next week. Listen and hear the "Thank You" in hundreds of languages from the needy folks around the world. Ted Stephen



## **A Moment for MCC: Empowering women in Colombia**

– Judith Stella Robles Rivero learns how to speak up for herself and her community.

In the middle of the night, flood waters from a nearby creek swept away almost everything in La Florida, a community in the Montes de Maria region of Colombia. Three hours later, Judith Stella Robles Rivero was taking action, securing aid and advocating for governmental assistance to help her community recover.

Robles Rivero was able to secure food and clothes for her community after May 1, 2022, flood because of the leadership skills and confidence that she developed in workshops with SembrandoPaz. This Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) partner organization works in nine rural communities in the Montes de Maria region. Empowering women is part of the work of SembrandoPaz – which translates to “sowing peace.” The organization is active in nine rural areas of the Montes de Maria region, which has been deeply impacted by decades of armed conflict, beginning in the 1980s. MCC supports SembrandoPaz via Growing Hope Globally, a Christian non-profit that works to combat hunger by building networks between farmers in North America and farmers in developing countries.



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

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