



April 30th, 2023 9:30 a.m.

Turn to Jesus, go with the Spirit

Prelude Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts David Brubacher

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship, Prayer

Leader: Shepherding God, we smell the green of your pastures

People: and long for rest;

Leader: we see the sparkle of your quiet waters

People: and yearn to be refreshed.

Leader: To you we lift our empty cup.

All: Fill us with goodness and mercy beyond measure.

Hymn *Christ has arisen* HWB #267, vv.1,5,6

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection

Quilt Blessing / Prayers of the People David Brubacher

Hymn *Where charity and love prevail* HWB #305, vv.1,2,4,5

Scripture Reading Psalm 23 [OT p.501]

Women's Chorus *God of the Bible*

Scripture Reading Hebrews 6:13-20 [NT p.221]

Meditation "THE CERTAINTY OF GOD'S PROMISE"
Ramona Neufeld

Hymn of Response *We Have An Anchor* Chorus, Back of Bulletin

Benediction (Congregation please stand) David Brubacher

Sending Hymn *Lead me, Lord* HWB #538

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]

Coffee Time following the service

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday April 23rd, 2023 ~ Attendance – 39

A Note From Your Treasurer: For a long period of time, the Grace church treasurers have shared the amounts of the budget offerings to you on a weekly basis. Effective immediately, this information will now be reported on a monthly basis. The bulletin for May 7th will indicate what the budget offerings in April were in total. After that, it will continue on the first Sunday of each month. The reason changing to this timeframe is that the frequency for individuals giving has greatly changed over the years. Many families now give once a month, while fewer are giving either weekly or when they can attend. That is why there is such a difference from week to week in the amounts reported using the weekly method. For those of you who compare the amounts reported, it will be a more accurate way of knowing how we are doing from time to time. Any questions, speak to Lorraine Sawatzky, Treasurer

Sunday, May 7th – Worship Service [9:30 a.m.]

Speaker: Mac Plunkett

Scripture Texts (Focus texts highlighted): **Acts 7:55-60;**

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14;

Philippians 3:7-10

♥ Pastoral Care Team (Grace Friends)

Please hold Theo and Francine Ilunga in your prayers.

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

Grace Singers ~ Sunday, May 7th, 10:30 a.m.

♪ **Women's Chorus** ~ Thursday, May 11th, 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, May 25th, 9:30 a.m.

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD

Employment Opportunity: Youth Worker

St. Catharines United Mennonite Church is seeking an enthusiastic, passionate Christian adult to serve as a part-time Youth Worker with responsibilities for mid-week evening program delivery for kids and youth in our church and community. The job description and application details can be found by visiting <https://scumc.ca/> under the Employment tab.

Summer Job Posting at the Christian Benefit Thrift Shop.

Candidates for the "Associate Retail" position must meet the requirements of the Canada Summer Jobs program (youth, ages 15-30). Start date: Monday June 5, End Date: Saturday September 2. For information about the job posting, and to apply online, please visit the Christian Benefit Thrift Shop website (<https://mccthriftontario.com/stcatharines/>) or Facebook page.



From Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC)

*Each week we pray for a faith community within the MCEC of congregations. This week we pray for **Windsor Mennonite Fellowship**. Rielly McLaren provides leadership to this congregation of intergenerational Jesus-followers.

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



A Moment for MCC

Dear Friends,

Many people I know have fallen in recent weeks and sustained some serious injuries. My sister was one of those who fell, and people came to offer help on a busy city street where it happened. A visit to the nearby hospital emergency room confirmed no broken bones in this case, although others I know did not come off quite so fortunate.

I'm reminded of the text in Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 that says that "two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: if either of them falls down, one can help the other up." I think this is a good picture of what MCC does, helping people around the world, striving to share God's love and compassion through relief, development and peacebuilding.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in the work of the Mennonite Central Committee. God bless you as you bless others in the name of Christ.

Stephen Roy

Church and Community Relations Associate

Mennonite Central Committee of Ontario

Chorus – We Have An Anchor

We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Savior's love.

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