



April 6th, 2025 9:30 a.m.

*Lent 5
Challenges on the Way*

Prelude

Ester Funk

**Gathering Thoughts
Lighting the Christ Candle**

Darrell Winger

Lenten Hymn

*Give us eyes to see you clearly, make us children of your light;
give us hearts to live more nearly as your gospel shining bright,
as your gospel shining bright.*

*God of all our fear and sorrow, God who lives beyond our death;
hold us close through each tomorrow,
love as near as every breath, love as near as every breath.*

Call to Worship

Leader: We profess today that we want to follow Christ
with eyes open all the way.

**People: But we confess that sometimes our horizons
are too narrow, our views blinded.**

Leader: Christ challenges our hearts and minds
to find new eyes, or at least to open wide
our willingness to see and obey God's ways.

**People: When we stretch our vision in that way,
Christ lifts up our perspective to truly see
what saving grace is all about.**

**All: Thanks be to God, that we can always climb higher
in our awareness of what it means to find healing
peace in Christ, and to share this good news
in the world.**

Prayer

Hymn *To God be the glory*

HWB #102

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People

Darrell Winger

Women's Chorus

I Will Arise and go to Jesus

Good Friday Service, April 18th, 9:30 a.m. with Communion.

Coffee and Hot Cross Buns following.

Easter Sunday Service, April 20th, 9:30 a.m. with Paska & Coffee

2025 Grace Telephone Directory ~ Please check your Grace mailbox for your copy.

Niagara Area Mennonite Churches Service

On Sunday, June 1st, we will again be participating in a joint Worship Service for the Mennonite churches in our area. It will be at the Linwell Church (335 Linwell Rd.) at 10:30 am. Following the service, fellowship and ice cream will be enjoyed. Children's activities and coffee for adults are offered at 9:30 am. There will be no service here at Grace that morning.

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**.

This week we pray for **St. Agatha Mennonite Church**.

A small community with a big heart that welcomes all to be united by the love of Jesus Christ.

Pleasant Manor Spring Bazaar and Bake Sale ~ Saturday April 12th, 10 am – 12 pm. Bring your own bags and CASH only please.



Training Active Bystanders – Become a More Informed Bystander

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 and to register today.

Bikes for Farmworkers needs your bikes – They don't have to be perfect, just repairable! – Our friends on the farms - the folks who grow our food – are in desperate need of bicycles. Bikes For Farmworkers is an incredible team of volunteers coordinated by GateWay Community Church. Adult bicycles in repairable condition and spare bike seats are needed. Call Ken at 289-547-7442 or email bikesff@bell.net for pickup.



A Moment for MCC: Earthquake in Myanmar ~ MCC will be responding to the earthquake in Myanmar. Donate now to support our local partners providing emergency food, hygiene supplies and blankets to families in need. Please pray for safety for those affected and for partner staff who are working to respond. The situation is made even more challenging after years of conflict, causing lack of electricity and the collapse of the healthcare system.

You can give online. You can give by your offering. If by cash, designate the envelope "MCC Myanmar." If by cheque, make the cheque payable to the church and designate "MCC Myanmar" on the memo line/ envelope. By e-transfer, put "MCC Myanmar" in the message box. Any questions? Our treasurer Lorraine would love to help.

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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