



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

Easter Sunday
Fully alive in Christ

Prelude

Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts

Mac Plunkett

Lighting the Christ Candle



Call to Worship, Prayer

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: We thank you, God, that you have answered us
and have become our salvation.

**People: The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

**This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**All: This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn

Christ the Lord is risen today

HWB #280, vv.1-4

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People

David Brubacher

Women's Chorus

*Easter Carol / Alleluia /
Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:1-4 [NT p.201]

Hymn

Low in the grave he lay HWB #273, vv.1,2
O sons and daughters, let us sing HWB #274, vv.1,2,4

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:1-10 [NT p.33]

Meditation “EASTER MIRACLES” David Brubacher

Sung Response Grace Singers

*Oh, How Great is Christ the Lord /
You are Crowned with Many Crowns /
I know that my Redeemer lives*

Benediction (Congregation please stand) David Brubacher

Sending Hymn *Crown Him with Many Crowns*
HWB #116, vv. 1,2,5

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 2nd, 2023

Attendance – 46 Budget Offering – \$6,010.00

Sunday, April 16th – Worship Service [9:30 a.m.]

Speaker: Kevin McCabe

Scripture Texts: Acts 2:14a, 22-23; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9;
John 20:19-31

♥ Pastoral Care Team (Grace Friends)

Dear Grace Friends, were you away last Sunday? 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.*

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 alone. Plus they'll get a card, a bear-tret, and a visit from me.

Love always! / Jan and your Pastoral Care Team

Note of Thanks – Lorraine Sawatzky and family thank all who have been supporting them during the recent deaths of their parents. The prayers, cards, words of comfort and support have been so appreciative and helpful during this time.

Please hold Theo and Francie Ilunga in your prayers.

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

♪ **Women's Chorus** ~ Thursday, April 27th, 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 6th 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 **Westview Christian Fellowship**. Vic Ratzlaff and Erika Klassen provide leadership to this congregation as lay ministers. Pray for this group of believers in the Queenston Neighbourhood in St. Catharines, ON.

*Continue to **pray for places throughout our world where the people cry out for peace – Myanmar, Ukraine, Russia, Ethiopia, Colombia, Burkina Faso, Benin, DR Congo, Tanzania, Haiti and more.** Lord, hear our prayers.



A Moment for MCC: Childrens war stories: Working with clay helps Ukrainian children deal with traumatic experiences

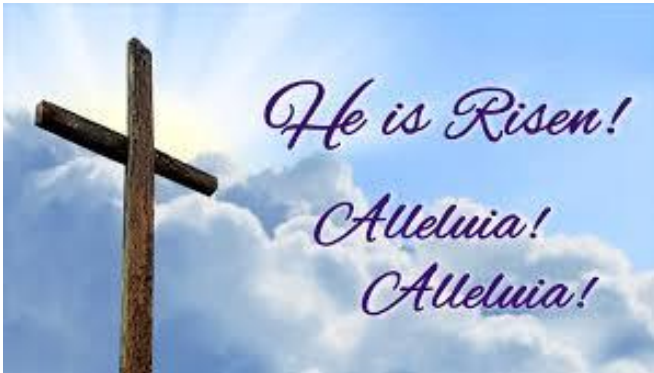
Loud noises remind Misha, 6, of frightening artillery sounds in Ukraine. "Fear, he lives in my ears when I hear explosions. I'm very scared," he says.

Veronica, 7, silently clutches a stuffed bear at all times. She doesn't remember where she came from. Her family escaped, leaving all their possessions behind.

As the crisis in Ukraine passes the one-year mark, we grieve with children whose lives have been forever changed because of war.

We also see hope in the creative ways Nevo, an MCC partner in Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine, is helping children process feelings of fear and unease through working with clay. – Cheri Wampole

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