



**August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 9:30 a.m.**  
*God in Extraordinary Times*

**Prelude** Annie Schulz

**Gathering Thoughts** Laur Steven  
**Lighting the Christ Candle**

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, you who thirst for grace.

**People: Come, you who hunger for justice.**

Leader: Come, you who are a stranger in a strange land.

**People: Come, you who are like a child at home.**

Leader: Come, for Christ welcomes you to this time and place.

**People: We have come to worship God.**

**All: Then, let us worship well.**

### **Prayer**

**Hymn** *The God of Abraham praise* HWB #162

### **Passing of the Peace**

### **Offertory Prayer**

**Hymn** *Mountain of God* (see back of bulletin) VT #11

**Prayers of the People** Laur Steven

**Hymn** *My hope is built on nothing less* HWB #343 v 1,2,4

**Scripture Reading** Genesis 15:1-6 (OT p.12)

**Hymn** *God of the Bible* VT #420

*Chorus:*

*Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change. (2x)*

**Scripture Reading** Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 (NT p.225)

**Meditation** “Believing is Seeing” Darrell Winger

**Hymn of Response** *O day of God, draw nigh* HWB #370 v 1,2,3

**Benediction** Darrell Winger

**Sending Hymn** *O day of God, draw nigh* HWB #370 v 4&5

**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]

*Coffee Time in the Church Hall after the service today*

### **GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>** ~ Attendance – 47

**Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>** ~ Guest Speaker: Justin Cook, former high school English teacher colleague of Doug Schulz in Hamilton, is the Director of Learning for Edvance, an organization that supports schools to develop curriculum rooted in a vision of seeing things through Christ's reconciling power at work in community and society.

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7; Revelation 21 (excerpts)

**Congratulations and best wishes to George & Helga Peters** as they celebrate their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**August 27, 1:30 p.m.** Church Council

**August 31<sup>st</sup>, 4:00 p.m. Grace Church Social**

at Doug & Ester's Farm (3017 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Jordan)

Watermelon and Rollkuchen, etc. Bring your own lawn chair.

**Please sign up** on the bulletin board in the foyer!

## **ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD**



### **MCC Work in The Democratic Republic of the Congo**

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Canada has been awarded a grant of \$4.7 million to support its ongoing emergency humanitarian response in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The conflict between the March 23 Movement (M23) and the Congolese army has escalated significantly in the last year, worsening the humanitarian crisis affecting approximately 11 million people in the North and South Kivu provinces.

The grant comes from Global Affairs Canada and will specifically fund MCC's efforts to provide locally purchased household and hygiene items as well as cash support to an estimated 9,000 people affected by conflict in areas surrounding Goma, DR Congo. The project also includes additional activities and training to mitigate increased risk and respond to sexual and gender-based violence against vulnerable women and girls.

"We're very excited to have been awarded this grant," says Annie Loewen, MCC interim disaster response director. "MCC has been working in DR Congo for 64 years, building relationships with local organizations, churches and governments. This grant will allow us to effectively continue the important work we're doing and meet the needs of thousands of people who need support right now."

To support the work of MCC in DR Congo, by cash or cheque, write "MCC DR Congo" on the offering envelope. If by e-transfer, write "MCC DR Congo" in the message box. Thank you for your gifts.

### **Yard Sale Fundraiser for Niagara Gaza Families!**

**August 23, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Grace MC parking lot!**

The Grace Peace Group (GPG) is partnering with the Niagara Palestine Coalition (NPC) to put on a yard sale to raise funds for local Palestinian/Gazan families who are supporting relatives currently suffering in Gaza, or caught in refugee limbo in Egypt, and who hope to join their relatives in Canada.

We're looking for housewares, linens, clothing (children's or men's or women's), books, toys, garden supplies. And home-baked goodies! Bring sale items and baking to church on August 17th and Laur Steven will store them in his van or freezer. Or you can donate directly online at <https://niagarapalestinecoalition.ca/donate/>

Book the date—Aug. 23rd—and plan to drop in and say hi, and maybe buy some Palestinian treats!

### **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp (slmc.ca)**

**Men's Retreat (Sep 12-14):** Registration is open for the fall Men's Retreat. Join us for a time of rest, amazing food and connection. For more details... [slmc.ca/retreats](http://slmc.ca/retreats)

## **Mountain of God**

**Verse 1:** *Come, let us go to a place that is pure,  
to learn about love and wipe away tears;  
to melt swords of steel and hearts made of stone,  
set pris'ners free and give strangers a home.*

**Refrain:** *So come, come as you are, oh, come,  
from near and far, oh, come, salvation we'll taste  
as we climb the mountain of God.*

**Verse 2:** *From each corner and end of the earth,  
we'll gather together to sing of your worth,  
of blind who can see and weary who rest,  
good news for the poor, freedom for oppressed.   **Refrain***

**Verse 3:** *New life awaits for all who believe;  
all who love mercy, do justice, walk humbly.  
With Christ as our guide united we'll be;  
living the kingdom, secure in God's peace.   **Refrain***

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### **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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