



August 18th, 2024 9:30 a.m.

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts

David Brubacher

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship*

Leader: Give thanks to God!

People: We thank God for joy, for laughter, for abundant blessings of every kind.

Leader: Give thanks to God at all times and for everything!

People: We thank God, when we can and as we can, for struggles, for solitude, for fears.

Leader: Give thanks to God at all times and for everything the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: We thank God that, in Christ, our joys as well as our pain, our losses as well as our laughter, are in God's heart and hands.

Prayer

Hymn *Now thank we all our God*

HWB #86

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People

David Brubacher

Hymn *Longing for light*

(words in bulletin)

Scripture Reading Psalm 111 (OT p.562)

Women's Chorus *Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart*

Scripture Reading Ephesians 5:15-20,21-33 (NT p.195)

Meditation "What would Junia Do?" Jan Steven

Hymn of Response *Be thou my vision* HWB #545 v. 1&2

Benediction

Jan Steven

Sending Hymn *Spirit of the living God*

HWB #349

Postlude

**written by Thom Shuman*

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]

Longing for Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,

Light for the world to see.

Refrain:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Many the gifts, many the people,

Many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another,

Making your Kingdom come.

Refrain

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, August 25th ~ Speaker: Darrell Winger

Scripture Texts: Psalm 84, Ephesians 6:10-20

Preaching Team Meeting ~ Wednesday, August 21, 10:00 am

Cold drinks and cookies ~ Sunday August 25th

September 1st, 4:00 p.m. Grace Church Social

at Doug & Ester's Farm (3017 8th 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



Soap for Hope ~ MCC urgently needs soap donations for countries where soap is scarce. Both bath soap (85 g or larger, in wrapper) and laundry soap (Fels Naptha, Sunlight, or Zote) are needed. Donations can be placed in the box in the church foyer marked Soap Donations.

A Moment for Mennonite Central Committee – Relief, Development, and Peace in the Name of Christ

In Syria, ongoing conflict and the destructive 2023 earthquakes have presented devastating hardships, dismantling the lives that people have worked so hard to build for themselves and their loved ones. Many families' breadwinners have found themselves without work. MCC partner, Christian Hope Center staff took note of these workers' steadfast determination, starting a livelihoods program to provide families with the equipment needed to start or revitalize businesses. <https://mcc.org/our-stories/lifting-entrepreneurial-spirits-syria>

Warehouse of Hope - Medical Supplies & Equipment at 46 Broadway Ave, St Catharines - welcomes donations of: Hospital beds, stretchers, exam tables, med carts, isolettes, scales, vital signs monitors, stethoscopes, first aid kits, wheelchairs, scooters, walkers, crutches, canes, air cast boots, knee braces, steady poles, bed rails, commode chairs, toilet seat risers, bath seats, tub transfer chairs, eyeglasses and much more. While most of these donations will be sent overseas, you can purchase from WoH. Their medical supplies room is open Tuesday and Thursday mornings 8:30am - noon. Prices vary and are classified as 'donation in kind'. All monies from sales go to support Warehouse of Hope. Payment by cash or cheque only.
<https://www.nwoh.ca/>

AED/CPR Certification Training at Niagara UM

On Monday, September 16, from 9:30am to 12:30pm, Heart Niagara will be holding an AED/CPR Certification training session at Niagara United Mennonite Church. If you would like to become certified or re-certified, please contact Julie by email or phone: office@redbrickchurch.ca or 905-468- 3313.

The Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario and the Ontario Heritage Trust will install a commemorative historical plaque at the site of the WW2 Alternative Service (Conscientious Objector) Camp at Montreal River, just north of Sault Ste Marie, Ontario. All are invited to the official unveiling, Thursday, September 26 at 4:00 pm at Conrad Grebel University College. September 27, the MHSO has arranged for two buses to go from Waterloo to Montreal River for the installation of the plaque on September 28. Overnight accommodation has been reserved for bus participants for Friday, September 27. The buses will then return to Waterloo. For further details, and to reserve a spot on this trip (accommodation deadline is August 27), go to <https://www.mhso.org/content/montreal-river-alternative-service-camp-bus-trip>

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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