



August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 9:30 a.m.

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Prelude**

Annie Schulz

**Gathering Thoughts**

Laur Steven

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship\***

Leader: For the beauty of the summer day,

**People: And the comfort of friends nearby;**

Leader: For the invitation to love and be loved,

**People: For our God who extends that call;**

Leader: For time set apart to nourish the soul,

**People: For time to go out into the world armed with love:**

*All: For all these things we give thanks.*

*Let us worship God.*

**Prayer**

**Hymn**      *For the Beauty of the Earth*

HWB #89

**Passing of the Peace**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Musical Reflection**

**Prayers of the People**

Laur Steven

**Women's Chorus**      *How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely*

**Scripture Reading**      Psalm 84 (OT p.543)

**Hymn**      *God, who touches earth*

HWB #511

**Scripture Reading**      Ephesians 6:10-20 (NT p.195)

**Meditation**      "What is your story?"

Darrell Winger

**Hymn of Response**      *In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified*

*In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.*

*In my life, Lord, be glorified today.*

*In our song, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.*

*In our song, Lord, be glorified today.*

*In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.*

*In your church, Lord, be glorified today.*

*In your world, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.*

*In your world, Lord, be glorified today.*

**Benediction**

Darrell Winger

**Sending Hymn** *We are people of God's peace* HWB #407, vv.1,3

**Postlude**

*\*written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'*

***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 after the service today*

### **GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Prayer** ~ As a church family, we grieve the passing on August 15th of Carla Isaak. Let's be in prayer for her family: Peter (Sandra), Tim (Tammy), and Nancy (Brian).

**Sunday August 11<sup>th</sup>** ~ Attendance – 43

**Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup>** ~ Attendance - 42

**Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>** ~ Speaker: Dawn Berkelaar

Dawn Berkelaar (former high school student of Doug Schulz) is a writer, editor, scientist, and lecturer living with her family in Hamilton.

**Scripture Texts: Psalm 45:1,2; James 1:17-27;**

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15; 21-23

**September 1<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. Bring your own lawn chair, chairs will be provided if you don't have one.

If you need a ride, please let Ester know.

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

**Worship Committee** ~ September 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m.

**Communion** ~ September 8<sup>th</sup>

**Coffee Times** ~ September 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Women's Chorus** ~ September 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>

**Rejoice Devotional** ~ We have an extra subscription of the Rejoice which has been paid for. Call the office if you are wanting a copy.

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



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

This week we pray for **Listowel Mennonite Church.** Nancy Frey provides pastoral leadership to the congregation. Pray for them as they strive to be a church that praises God, loves one another, makes more and better disciples, serves in Christ's name, grows in faith and gives generously.

### **MEDA Fundraiser Event for Guatemala Project**

September 12<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. Hosted by Dorothea & Rudy Enns.

18 Firelane 2A, Niagara-on-the-Lake

Register at [www.MEDA.org/events](http://www.MEDA.org/events) or call 519-741-7638



**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 MCC (Mennonite Central Committee)**

Prayer and Material Resources for Gaza

MCC's shipment of comforters, hygiene supplies and infant care items is finally on its way to Gaza, after waiting out many delays and surmounting obstacles.

The shipment, which left the MCC East Coast Material Resources Centre (MRC) in Ephrata, Pennsylvania, on July 23, has been in the planning stages for several months. It is one of the ways MCC is addressing urgent humanitarian needs in Gaza. The shipment still has a long journey ahead, as it will take several months to arrive in Jordan and then more time until it arrives in Gaza, probably in the winter according to Seth Malone, MCC representative for Jordan, Palestine and Israel. He says he prays that the comforters will bring warmth to families living in tents and bombed out buildings, that parents will have basic clothing for their babies and that hygiene and relief kits will provide some measure of support for families who have lost everything.

### **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](mailto:office@redbrickchurch.ca) or 905-468- 3313.



## **MCC Thrift – Celebrating New to You and Port Thrift!**

This year, MCC honours the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the New to You Thrift Shop located at 59 Southworth Street North in Welland and the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Port Thrift Shop at 12 Charlotte St. in Port Colborne. Established in September 1974 and November 1884 respectively, these milestones are a testament to decades of unwavering community support and dedication.

New to You and Port Thrift are ministries of Niagara area Be in Christ Canada churches. Christian Benefit Shop Inc. oversees the operations of New to You and Port thrift and is on a mission to follow Christ's example by reaching out to those in need, recycling, and selling quality donated items at reasonable prices. Profits from their operation support MCC's global relief efforts and local community needs, ensuring that our impact extends far beyond our shop doors.

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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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