



August 27th, 2023 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts

David Brubacher

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: Some of us are exhausted.

People: We come to rest.

Leader: Some of us are curious about Jesus.

People: We come to learn.

Leader: Some of us are hungry.

People: We come to be fed.

Leader: Some of us are disoriented.

People: We come to pray.

Leader: Some of us are broken.

People: We come to be healed.

Leader: We gather around you today, O Christ.

People: Teach us, feed us, hear us, heal us.

ALL: Grant us your peace. Amen.

Hymn

For the beauty of the earth

HWB #89

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People

David Brubacher

Hymn

Jesus, the very thought of thee

HWB #588

Scripture Reading

Psalm 138 [OT p.577]

Grace Singers

With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 19:1-8 [OT p.326]

John 2:1-11 [NT p.93]

Meditation

“Holy Leisure”

Mac Plunkett

Hymn of Response

Morning has broken

HWB #648

Benediction (Congregation please stand)

Mac Plunkett

Sending Hymn *O God, You Search Me*

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Postlude

***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]

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday August 13th, 2023 ~ Attendance – 35

Sunday August 20th, 2023 ~ Attendance - 41

Sunday, September 3rd – Speaker: Laur Steven

Scripture Texts (Focus Texts highlighted): **Exodus 3:1-15;**

Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Romans 12:9-21; **Matthew 16:21-28**

Coffee Time following the service.

Sunday, September 17th – Installation Service

for Pastor Darrell Winger. Coffee Time following the service.

♪ **Women's Chorus** ~ Thursday September 7th, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday September 21st, 9:30 a.m.

♥ Pastoral Care Team (Grace Friends)

Let us continue to keep in touch with church friends who are not able to attend our Sunday services but welcome prayers, phone calls, cards, and visits. Their contact information is in the Church Directory. These friends include (but are not limited to): Tom B, John B, Erna and Jake B (Ester's parents,) Reg F, Agnes G, Jake and Kathy H, Abe H, Francine and Theo I, Erika I, Hertha J, and Mary L, and Helene M in Waterloo. Have I missed anyone? Let me know. With love from your pastoral care chaplain, Jan Steven.

We extend our sympathies to Anita Stephen and family as Ted Stephen passed away on Wednesday, August 23rd. Visitation will be at Grace Mennonite Church on Monday August 28th, 6 – 8 p.m. Memorial service will be held at Grace Mennonite Church on Tuesday August 29th, 11 a.m.

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



From Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC)

Each week we pray for a **faith community within the MCEC community of congregations**. This week we pray for **Vineland United Mennonite Church**.

Fall Fundraiser for Haiti sponsored by FIDA. Wednesday, September 13 from 5:30 to 9:30 pm at the Trevor Falk Farm at 1039 Lakeshore Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake. There will be wine tasting at 5:30 followed by a Buffet Dinner at 6 pm. The host will be Joe Pillitteri and special guest is Lawrence Hill, author of "The Book of Negroes". Tickets are \$100 per person with a \$50 tax receipt and a copy of "The Book of Negroes" among other things.

Live auction at 7:45. To reserve tickets call Betsy Wall at 1-519-588-7967 or email: betsy.wall@fida-pch.org.

The proceeds support adult literacy for 2000 men and women in Haiti.



A Moment for MCC ~ The MCC School Kit Challenge!

Check out Helena Mary Awok with her MCC school kit at Saint Mary's Primary School in Thon-Aduel, Rumbek, South Sudan! The Loreto School Kits and Nutritious Meals Project is making a difference by enhancing the education experience for around 25,000 children in the Catholic Diocese of Rumbek. From academic materials to feminine hygiene products, this project offers crucial support to young learners.

Want to help make a difference for students like Helena? Join the MCC School Kit Challenge! Help 10,000 kids attend school around the world by donating funds to create school kits. Designate an offering through Grace Mennonite Church and indicating "MCC School Kits" on your offering envelopes. If doing e-transfers, write MCC School Kits in the message.



MCC Grow Hope: Harvest time is fast approaching for this 41 acre joint MCC and Canada Foodgrains Project in the Tintern area. Costs have increased this year and we have many needy folks to feed. To date, we at Grace have contributed \$600 to help underwrite costs. If you wish to contribute, write the cheque out to Grace Mennonite Church and designate "Grow Hope" on your church envelope. If you e-transfer, write "Grow Hope" in the message box. This is an above budget contribution.

We are advised that our contributions are matched 4:1 by Canada Foodgrains. Your \$10 becomes \$50. Thank you.

O God, You Search Me

*O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me:
ever the maker and keeper of my days.*

*You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting you besiege me;
in ev'ry moment of life or death, you are.*

*Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
you have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past, and future, too.*

*Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
even the darkness is radiant in your sight.*

*For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life and knit me in the womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
safe in your hands, all creation is made new.*

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