



**August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 9:30 a.m.**  
*God in Extraordinary Times*

**Prelude**

Annie Schulz

**Gathering Thoughts**  
**Lighting the Christ Candle**

David Brubacher

**Call to Worship**

Leader: You who open doors and dismantle barriers,

**People: open our hearts to praise you,**

Leader: that we might live the full truth of who we are,  
that we might live as neighbours and friends,  
no longer strangers and enemies;

**People: open our hearts to the transforming power  
of your love,**

Leader: that we might forgive and reconcile,  
making peace and learning war no more,  
that we might be your people,  
one body in one Spirit,  
to tell your grace to all the world.

**All: *May Jesus, who walked among us as brother  
and friend inspire us and guide us on our journey.***

**Prayer**

**Hymn**                    *For the beauty of the earth*

HWB #89

**Passing of the Peace**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Musical Reflection**

**Prayers of the People**

David Brubacher

**Hymn**                    *Now thank we all our God*

HWB #86

**Scripture Reading**                    Psalm 107:1,8,9, 43 (OT p.559)

**Hymn***Build Your Kingdom Here*

VT #393

**Verse 1:** *Come set your rule, and reign in our hearts again.  
Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we're made.*

*Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,  
like wildfire in our very souls;*

*Holy Spirit, come, invade us now.*

*We are your church; we need your pow'r in us.*

**Verse 2:** *We seek your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst;  
refuse to waste our lives, for you're our joy and prize.*

*To see the captives' hearts released,  
the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace,  
we lay down our lives for heaven's cause.*

*We are your church; we pray, revive this earth.*

**Refrain:** *Build your kingdom here. Let the evil fear.*

*Show your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.*

*Set your church on fire. Win your people back.*

*Change the atmosphere. Build your kingdom here, we pray!*

**Verse 3:** *Unleash your kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near and far.  
No force of hell can stop your beauty, changing hearts.*

*You made us for much more than this;  
awake the kingdom seed in us.*

*Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.*

*We are your church; we are the hope on earth.*

**Refrain:** *Build your kingdom here. Let the evil fear.*

*Show your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.*

*Set your church on fire. Win your people back.*

*Change the atmosphere. Build your kingdom here, we pray!*

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 12:13-21 (NT p.74)

**Meditation** "Catherine Booth – This Mother Wore Army Boots!?"

Jan Steven

**Hymn of Response** *Jesus, Be the Center*

VT #584

*Jesus, be the center, be my source, be my light, Jesus.*

*Jesus, be the center, be my hope, be my song, Jesus.*

**Refrain:** *Be the fire in my heart. Be the wind in these sails.*

*Be the reason that I live, Jesus, Jesus.*

*Jesus, be my vision, be my path, be my guide, Jesus. Refrain*

*Jesus, be the center, be my source, be my light, Jesus.*

**Benediction**

Jan Steven

*God calls us to be followers of Christ,  
and by the pow'r of the Spirit,  
to grow as communities of grace, joy, and peace,  
so God's healing and hope flow through us to the world,  
so God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.*

**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]

**GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>** ~ Attendance – 46

**Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>** ~ Speaker: Darrell Winger  
Scripture Readings: Genesis 15:1-6; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

**Summer Coffee Time** ~ August 10<sup>th</sup>

**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!

**The budget offerings for July 2025** was \$21,612.86.

**Sadly, Elsie Pankratz** passed away Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. Let's be in prayer for Nick Pankratz and the rest of the family. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday August 5<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. at Tallman Funeral Homes in Vineland.

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



**MCC joins over 100 other organizations sounding the alarm to let life-saving aid into Gaza!** Exactly two months since the Israeli government-controlled scheme, the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation, began operating, more than 100 organisations are sounding the alarm, urging governments to act: open all land crossings; restore the full flow of food, clean water, medical supplies, shelter items, and fuel through a principled, UN-led mechanism; end the siege, and agree to a ceasefire now.



**MCC in Gaza - Clothing Distribution - "We had Nothing... Thank You."** Al-Najd Developmental Forum, a Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) partner is meeting

displaced families needs in Gaza. They were recently able to distribute locally purchased children's clothing.

MCC invites you to donate to its ongoing humanitarian response in Gaza and to urge legislators in Canada and the U.S. to support a permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

To contact legislators in Canada, visit [mcc.org/campaign/canadas-toolkit-peace-gaza](http://mcc.org/campaign/canadas-toolkit-peace-gaza) To donate by cash or cheque, please write MCC Gaza on the offering envelope (cheques should be made payable to the church). If by e-transfer, write MCC Gaza in the message box.

**Linwell Church Yard Sale Fundraiser: Saturday August 9, 9am - 1pm.** Proceeds to support Gillian's Place... a shelter for those experiencing abuse, providing safe refuge and support in an effort to end gender-based violence. <https://gilliansplace.com/>

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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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