



August 4th, 2024 9:30 a.m.

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts

Kevin McCabe

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 29)

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

**People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
The God of glory thunders;
his voice is upon many waters!

**People: The voice of the Lord is powerful;
The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
In truth, the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**

Leader: He makes the mountains skip like a calf,
And Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

**People: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
The Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the floods:
The Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.

***All: May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!***

Prayer

Hymn *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*

HWB #65

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection *Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus* Diana Lantin

Prayers of the People

Kevin McCabe

Women's Chorus

Mercy, Mercy, Lord

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:24-30 (NT p.14)

Hymn *Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace*

Refrain: *Jesus, help us live in peace, from our blindness set us free.
Fill us with your healing love. Help us live in unity.*

*Many times we don't agree – on what's right or wrong to do.
It's so hard to really see from the other's point of view.*

*How we long for pow'r and fame, seeking ev'ry earthly thing.
We forget the one who came as a servant, not a king.*

Refrain

Scripture Reading Ephesians 4:1-16 (NT p.193)

Meditation "So What?" Mac Plunkett

Hymn of Response *Will you let me be your servant* HWB #307

Benediction Mac Plunkett

Sending Hymn *Heart with loving heart united* HWB #420, vv.1,3

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]

***Cold drinks and cookies in a cooled church hall
after the Service today***

Questions for further reflection after the meditation

1. How does the foundation established in the first half of Ephesians lead to Paul's call to unity in Ephesians 4?
2. Why is humility so important to the Christian walk?
3. How does the parable of the wheat and weeds help us to be united with each other?
4. How do we avoid being blown about by every wind of doctrine while still maintaining the unity that Paul encourages Main theme is about Christian unity and how to be humble in our understanding.

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday July 28th ~ Attendance – 44

Sunday, August 11th ~ Speaker: Darrell Winger

Scripture Texts: Psalm 130, Ephesians 4:25-5:2

The Budget Offering for month of July was \$13,027.44

Cold drinks and cookies ~ Sunday August 25th

Save the date ~ September 1st, 4:00 p.m.

Grace Church Social at Doug & Ester's Farm

Watermelon and Rollkuchen etc. Bring your own lawn chair.

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer!

Grace Peace Group ~ On Tuesday, Laur and Diane K and Jan visited the offices of all of the MPs and MPPs in the Niagara Region – asking for their support for a cease fire in Gaza and more. We gave them a letter to explain our concerns, and date squares with dates from Palestine. Thank you Anita for making these!

Jesus is our Peace and we want to share the Peace of Christ with our politicians in hope that they will also want to share Peace. I also provided an info kit on the Bears and Blankets program. Grateful to be part of the Grace MC family and to be able to do Kingdom work. Thank you Jesus! – Jan S.

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. Please donate to meet this crucial need. Donations can be brought to Grace and placed in the box in the church foyer marked Soap Donations, or to the MCC Thrift Shop.



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

***Continue to pray for Myanmar, Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine and throughout a world that cries for peace.** Pray for those who are displaced, those who search for family members, those who make decisions and those who attempt to provide aid. Lord, make us channels of your peace!

Traditions in Peacemaking: Pathways to Reconciliation - Come hear presentations on Peacemaking from Indigenous and Mennonite perspectives, followed by a corn roast. Indigenous teachings by Tim Johnson and Sean Vanderklis, followed by Mennonite reflections from Tom Neufeld. August 11th starting at 2pm at the First Nations Peace Monument, 2370 Decew Rd. Please bring lawn chairs, hats, sunscreen, and reusable water bottles. Parking is limited, so carpool if possible. volunteers to help with parking and shuttle driving are invited to contact Herb Sawatzky at pastor@bethanymennonite.ca Donations to help with costs appreciated.

Westview Centre 4 Women has relocated to 17 Gale Crescent. This move has been so good for us; we have lots of space for much needed services. We need to become fully accessible which is a huge expense of approx.. \$70,000. There is a step up to enter the building and six steps to come to the main floor. To access the lower level there are also stairs. Once this is dealt with we will be accessible to everyone, wheelchairs, strollers etc.

Please consider making a donation to us so that together we can continue to help support those who are struggling in our community.

Thank you! Cheque – Westview Centre 4 Women PO Box 4021 STN Main St. Catharines, ON L2R 7S3

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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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