



February 12th, 2023 9:30 a.m.

***Eyewitnesses:
We have seen the glory of God!***

Prelude Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts Laur Steven

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship, Prayer

Leader: What does the Lord require of you?

**People: To do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God.**

Leader: What does God command of us?

**People: To love God with all our heart, and all our soul,
and all our mind, and all our strength,
and to love our neighbour as ourselves.**

Leader: God does not call us to ease or to comfort.

**People: But to presence, and abundance,
and grace in our struggle.**

Leader: Let us worship the God who believes in us,
and trusts in us, and abides with us.

**All: *Let us worship the God who will ask much of us,
but will be beside us every step of the way.***

Hymn *Our Father God, thy name we praise* HWB #32

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection *Laudate Dominum* (Psalm 117)
Donna Mathies

Prayers of the People Laur Steven

Scripture Reading Psalm 119:1-8 [OT p.566]

Women's Chorus *Lord of the Sabbath*

Scripture Reading Isaiah 58:1-14 [OT p.688]

Meditation "To Fast or Not to Fast?" Stephen Roy
Church and Community Relations Associate for MCC Ontario

Hymn of Response *The church of Christ, in every age*
HWB #403 vv.1,3,5

Benediction (Congregation please stand)

Laur Steven

Sending Hymn *When You Walk from Here*

*When you walk from here, when you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy, and with God's humble care.*

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]

Coffee Time after the service today

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday February 5th, 2023

Attendance – 47 Budget Offering – \$5,450.00

Sunday, February 19th – Worship Service [9:30 a.m.]

Speaker: Laur Steven

Scripture Texts(Focus texts highlighted): **Exodus 24:12-18;**

Psalm 2 or Psalm 99; **2 Peter 1:16-21;** Matthew 17:1-9

♥ **Pastoral Care Team (Grace Friends)**

Happy Valentine's Day from your Grace Friends! Your Valentine's Day card is on the table in the foyer. And the delicious cupcakes you'll be served at coffee time after church were made by our secret baker! Would you like a friendly visit? Let Jan Steven know.

289-990-4839. ♥

Please continue to hold Deborah and Harry Nickerson in your prayers.

Note of Thanks – John Sawatzky and daughter Lorraine give thanks for their Grace family for all the prayers, cards, words of comfort and support with the passing of Mary Sawatzky.

Please continue to pray for Paul Sawatzky as he deals with further tests and treatments regarding various heart issues.

David and Lynda Brubacher will be on vacation from the evening of Monday, February 13 until Wednesday, February 22. Waldo Pauls will be available for emergency care.

Offering Receipts: A reminder that your offering receipts for 2022 are in your church mailboxes. Please pick these up before the end of February. Any questions, please call or email Lorraine Sawatzky.

Quilting every Thursday at 9 am.

Women will be quilting (both tying and fine quilting) every week. We will teach you if you are interested. See Anne Dyck or Irmgard Penner.

♪ **Women's Chorus** ~ Thursday, February 23rd, 9:30 a.m.

♪ **Grace Singers** ~ February 19th, 10:30 a.m.

Annual Meeting and Coffee Time ~ After the Worship Service on **Sunday, February 26th** in the Church Hall.

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



From Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC)

*Each week we pray for a faith community within the MCEC of congregations. This week we pray for **Vineland United Mennonite Church**. Craig Frere provides interim pastoral leadership for the congregation. Pray for them as they minister in their neighbourhoods and as they seek God's leading for their congregation.



A Moment for MCC: Soup to Change the World

The following is from an article written by Maria Klassen for Canadian Mennonite.

Thrift stores sell a remarkably wide range of items, and now the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) thrift store in St. Catharines sells one more. In November 2022, the MCC Christian Benefit Shop started selling a range of frozen soups produced by Raw Carrot, an innovative social enterprise. Raw Carrot has provided employment for 32 people with disabilities and mental illness.

Currently, Raw Carrot soup choices include: Signature Carrot, Flying Noodle (chunky chicken noodle), Veggie Mania, Loaded Potato and Bacon, Hearty Lentil and Barley, Mulligatawny, and Spicy-ish Sausage and Cabbage. These soups are mindful of dietary considerations such as gluten free, vegetarian/vegan and keto-friendly.



Each year, the MCC mobile meat canner travelled across the United States and into Ontario. MCC workers and volunteers gathered at the canner to preserve hundreds of thousands of cans of meat for communities in need across the globe.



Unfortunately, crossing the U.S./Canada border with the U.S. based cannery and crew has become increasingly difficult and COVID-19 has magnified these issues. This

resulted in cancelling the Ontario canning season for three years.

After much planning, consulting and thoughtful preparation, the solution is obvious: to set up a stationary, permanent canning facility in Ontario! This cannery will be built, maintained and sustained by MCC Ontario's Material Resource Program in New Hamburg at the MR warehouse. The resulting cans of food will be distributed through the MCC network to meet food needs locally and around the world.

The nutrient-dense and delicious gift gives more than calories and protein. It brings a sense of abundance to mealtime and hope for hungry women, children and men.

Join us in this important work – to bring God's love to all in a tangible and powerful way!

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