



February 16th, 2025 9:30 a.m.

*Epiphany
Together in the Light*

Prelude

Ester Funk

**Gathering Thoughts
Lighting the Christ Candle**

Darrell Winger

Call to Worship

Leader: We rejoice and praise Your holy name today, O Lord,

People: because you have kept us from a destructive path.

Leader: We give thanks because Your word gives us hope,

People: and we reflect on Your word at all times.

Leader: You are the Source of deep seated faith,

People: and our spirits are refreshed in your presence!

Amen!

Epiphany Prayer Holy God, creator of light,
in your Son's incarnation you showed us yourself, face to face.
Surprise us with signs and wonders of your presence,
as you did long ago.

Send your Spirit to show us the path that leads to you,
so that we might see you more clearly,
love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn

Blessed Jesus, at your word

HWB #13

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People

Darrell Winger

Hymn

If all you want, Lord

HWB #512

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-10 (OT p.719)

Hymn*Blessed Are You*

VT #290

*Blessed are you, the hungry, for God prepares your feast.
 Blessed are you who weep now, for mourning turns to praise.
 Blessed are you who suffer, for God will guard your ways.*

Refrain: *The doors of heav'n are open,
 and glory is shining through –
 rejoice, rejoice, God is with us, and blessed, blessed are you.*

Blessed are you, the poor ones, for God is poor with you.

Blessed are you, the hungry, for God knows hunger too.

Blessed are you who weep now, for God has shared your grief.

Blessed are you who suffer, for God will bring relief. Refrain

Scripture Reading

Luke 6:17-26 (NT p.64)

Meditation

"Searched and Known"

Laur Steven

Hymn of Response*In your sickness*

HWB #585

Benediction

Laur Steven

Sending*My Life Is in You, Lord*

Chorus: *My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,
 my hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You.*

*My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,
 my hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You.*

*I will praise You with all of my life,
 I will praise You with all of my strength;
 with all of my life, with all of my strength.
 All of my hope is in You.*

Chorus**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]

Coffee Time after the service today

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING RECEIPTS: Your 2024 offering receipts are in your church mailboxes to be picked up. If any questions, please contact Lorraine (Treasurer).

Upcoming events:

~ Ash Wednesday Service, March 5th at 11 a.m. at Grace Mennonite Church and at 6:30 p.m. at Linwell Church. We are partnering with Linwell Church for this meaningful way to begin the season of Lent.
~ Rev. Stephen Roy, MCC Ontario, Church and Community Relations Associate, is our guest speaker, March 16th.

Grace Arts ~ Do you have a craft or artwork that can be shared in our "Grace Arts" space in the lobby? We have many gifted people who work with wood, quilt, paint, draw, photograph, write poetry, etc! Would you be willing to display some of your work as a way of celebrating our church family and encouraging others? We are glad to help you display it appropriately in our Grace Arts space. Let Darrell or Ester know.

Sunday, February 2nd ~ Attendance - 43

Sunday February 23rd ~ Speaker: David Brubacher
Scripture Texts: **Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13)**; Psalm 138;
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; **Luke 5:1-11**

Church Council ~ February 19th at 1:30 p.m.

Worship Committee ~ February 26th at 10:30

Coffee Times ~ March 2nd, 16th, 30th

♪ **Women's Chorus** ~ Thursday February 27th at 9:30 a.m.

Annual Reports ~ Please submit annual reports for the Grace Annual Report Book, via email, to the church office (Ester Funk) by **Wednesday February 19th**. Contact the office for assistance if necessary, or if you wish to hand in a hard copy.

Annual Meeting ~ After the Worship Service on **Sunday, March 23rd** in the Church Hall

Bears and Blankets Update – By the end of February, Bears and Blankets – an offering from Grace Mennonite Church – will have placed 904 Care Kits in 41 homes. The care kits consist of a teddy bear with a personalized scarf, a homey shawl or small blanket, a beary cute card, and bear-paw cookie. I'm very grateful for our helpers – at Grace MC and in our community. For more information talk to Jan Steven.

Are you concerned about a member of our church family? Maybe they haven't been here for a while. Why not give them a phone call? You can also let Pastor Darrell or Chaplain Jan know. ♡

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



A Moment for MCC Thrift! Boosting income and voices in Nepal!

When you shop at MCC Thrift, you help break down income barriers for marginalized communities in places like Nepal. After learning about fish farming through an MCC partner, Shova Beshra, Kalpana Kumari Marandi and Chanmuni Tudu Satar waded into the aquaculture world and leased a pond together. Now, they sell fish from this pond at the local market, generating income for their families.

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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