



February 26th, 2023 9:30 a.m.

*Created in the Image of God,
Shaped by Jesus*

Lent 1 ~ Shaped by Testing

Prelude Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts Waldo Pauls

Lighting the Christ Candle

Lenten Hymn *Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights*
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Call to Worship, Prayer

Leader: Sing together! Celebrate God!

People: God protects us from all our trouble.

Leader: God forgives us and covers our sins.

People: God surrounds us with songs of deliverance.

**All: Therefore, let all God's people pray with thanksgiving
and worship God.**

Hymn *God is here among us* HWB #16

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People Waldo Pauls

Hymn *O worship the King* HWB #66

Scripture Reading Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 [OT p.2]

Grace Singers *Speak, O Lord*

Scripture Reading Matthew 4:1-11 [NT p.3]

Meditation "Jesus, The Last Adam" Mac Plunkett

Hymn of Response *Seek ye first the kingdom of God* HWB #324

Benediction (Congregation please stand) Mac Plunkett

Sending Hymn *Lead me, Lord* HWB #538

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]

Annual Meeting and Coffee Time
After the Worship Service in the Church Hall.

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday February 19th, 2023

Attendance – 45 Budget Offering – \$1,945.00

Sunday, February 26th – Worship Service [9:30 a.m.]

Speaker: Jan Steven

Scripture Texts (Focus texts highlighted): Genesis 12:1-4a;

Psalms 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; **John 3:1-17**

♥ Pastoral Care Team (Grace Friends)

Some of our Grace MC Family 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, Peter D., Reg F, Agnes G, Abe H, Francine and Theo I, Erika I, Hertha J, Mary L, Helene M, John S, and Alice T. With love from your pastoral care chaplain, Jan Steven.

Change of Address and phone number for John Berg

Please contact the church office for this. Thank you.

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

Francine Ilunga requests prayer for her husband Theophile and their family for health and strength.

Please keep the family of Lena Williams in your prayers as she died on February 14th. Funeral service will be on March 4th at 11 a.m. at Grace Mennonite Church, with reception to follow in the Church Hall.

♪ **Women's Chorus** ~ Thursday March 2nd, 9:30 a.m.
Thursday March 9th, 9:30 a.m.
Thursday March 23rd, 9:30 a.m.

♪ **Grace Singers** ~ March 19th, 10:30 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 of congregations. This week we pray for **Warden Underground**. Jordan Thoms and Joh Folkeringa provide pastoral leadership for this unique expression of church located in a South Scarborough Government Housing neighbourhood called Warden Woods.



A Moment for MCC: MCC also has programs in Ontario

In addition to more than 490 projects worldwide, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is actively engaged in making a difference in Ontario. We walk towards reconciliation with Indigenous Neighbours and alongside newcomers building a new life in Canada. We support those impacted by crime or facing the realities of poverty and homelessness. We work to build stronger and safer communities.

Our people in Poverty program walks alongside people in our community facing the realities of poverty and homelessness through our Circle of Friends and TOOLS (Toronto Ontario Opportunities for Learning and Service) initiatives. MCC Ontario also champions the Living Wage movement and supports the Raw Carrot social enterprise in Kitchener.

Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights

*Throughout these Lenten days and nights
we turn to walk the inward way,
where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,
we live in hope till Easter Day.*

*The pilgrim Christ, the Lamb of God,
who found in weakness greater power,
embraces us, though lost and flawed,
and leads us to his Rising Hour.*



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