



January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 9:30 a.m.

*Anabaptist World  
Fellowship Sunday*

**Prelude**

Annie Schulz

**Gathering Thoughts**

Darrell Winger

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship\* and Prayer**

Leader: Though we may be inclined to brag,  
let us come together with humility.

**People: How good a thing it is when all of God's people  
live together in unity.**

Leader: Though we may be tempted to use harsh words,  
let us come together with gentleness.

**People: How good a thing it is when all of God's people  
live together in unity.**

Leader: Though we may want everything to happen quickly,  
let us come together with patience.

**People: How good a thing it is when all of God's people  
live together in unity.**

Leader: Though the world around often encourages hate,  
let us come together in love.

**People: How good a thing it is when all of God's people  
live together in unity.**

**All: *In humility, gentleness, patience, love, and unity,  
let us worship the God who has called us together.***

**Hymn**

*For we are strangers no more*

HWB #322, vv.1,3

**Passing of the Peace**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Musical Reflection**

*O God, Our Refuge*

Grace Singers

(text inspired by writings of Anabaptist martyrs in the 16<sup>th</sup> c.)

**Prayers of the People**

Darrell Winger

**Women's Chorus**

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

**Scripture Reading**      Psalm 31:19-24 (OT p.506)

**Hymn**      From Voices Together #802

Refrain: *Draw the Circle, draw the circle wide. (2x)*  
*No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.*  
*Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.*

Verse: *Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.*  
*Let this be our song: no one stands alone.*  
*Standing side by side, draw the circle, draw the circle wide.*  
(Repeat verse)

*Refrain*

**Scripture Reading**      1 John 4:7-11 (NT p.241)

**Meditation**      "The Courage to Love"      Doug Klassen  
Executive Minister for Mennonite Church Canada

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

**Benediction**      Darrell Winger

**Sending Hymn**      From Voices Together #771

*We have been sent by God, with our hands prepared to serve,  
and we build along with God a fam'ly here on earth. (Repeat)*

*The angels are not sent to change this world of pain  
into a world of love where peace and justice reign;  
it falls to each of us to do this work today.*

*We seek to do your will. Oh, help us, God we pray. (Repeat)*

**Postlude**

\*written by Reverend Joanna Harader, a Mennonite pastor in Kansas, USA

***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 in the Church Hall*

## GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday, January 12th ~ Attendance - 43**

**2025 is the 500th Anniversary of Anabaptism:**

**Today Sunday, January 19th**, Rev. Doug Klassen, Executive Minister for Mennonite Church Canada, is our guest speaker. January 19th is "Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday", giving us an opportunity to celebrate our relationship with our global church family, and to celebrate the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism. Doug will also be with us during coffee time, following the morning service, for further conversation and a time of Q and A.

**Coffee Times ~** February 2<sup>nd</sup>, February 16<sup>th</sup>

♪ **Women's Chorus ~** Thursday January 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

**Church Council Meeting ~** Wednesday, January 22 at 1:30 pm

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



**Mennonite  
World Conference**

A Community of Anabaptist  
related Churches

~ Pray for our **Mennonite World Conference (MWC) family**: 110 Mennonite and Brethren in Christ national churches from 61 countries, with around 1.45 million baptized believers in close to 10,180 congregations.

~ Pray for the **Mennonite World Conference (MWC) event** on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 in Zurich, to commemorate 500 years of Anabaptism, in the context of renewed relationships with the Reformed Church (WCRC).

~ Pray for the current needs of the MWC family as expressed on the MWC prayers page: [mwc-cmm.org/en/prayers](http://mwc-cmm.org/en/prayers).



**A Moment for MCC** - Hope is on its way to Zambia from our Material Resources Centre in New Hamburg, Ontario!

This week, we conducted a prayer for a shipment to be sent to the Maheba Refugee Settlement in Zambia, home to over

39,000 refugees from Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Angola, and Somalia.

This shipment includes:

- 3,600 comforters
- 500 dignity kits
- 3,200 hygiene kits
- 672 relief kits
- 2,200 school kits
- 4,272 tubes of toothpaste

With the help of our partner, the Brave Heart Foundation, these essential supplies will support over 38,000 people over the next three years, including vulnerable children in orphanages who lack even basic hygiene items.

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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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