



January 21st, 2024 9:30 a.m.
Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday

Prelude

Annie Schulz

**Gathering Thoughts
Lighting the Christ Candle**

Darrell Winger

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God.
The skies proclaim the work of his hands.

**People: Day after day they continue to speak;
night after night they make him known.
There is no speech or language
where their voice is not heard.**

Leader: Their message has gone throughout the earth,
and their words to all the world.

**People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**

**All: Let the people praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!**

Hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

HWB# 37

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People

Darrell Winger

Hymn *Holy, holy, holy*

HWB #400

Scripture Reading Psalm 8 (OT p.492)

Grace Singers *Alabaré (I will praise my Lord)*
Alabaré, alabaré, alabaré a mi Señor.
Alabaré, alabaré, alabaré a mi Señor.

Scripture Reading Job 42:1-6 (OT p.488)

Meditation "God's Bigger Picture" Arli Klassen
Mennonite World Conference coordinator, Regional Representative

Hymn of Response *We Are One in the Spirit*

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored.*

Refrain: *And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love,
and they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land*

Refrain

Benediction

Darrell Winger

Sending Hymn *We Have Been Sent by God*

*We have been sent by God, with our hands prepared to serve,
and we build along with God a family here on earth. (2x)*

*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. (2x)*

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

Today, January 21st, we welcome Aril Klassen, senior staff person from Mennonite World Conference (MWC) as our guest speaker for the worship service. It represents the majority of the global family of Christian churches rooted in the 16th century Radical Reformation in Europe, particularly in the Anabaptist movement. MWC membership in 2023 included one international association and 108 Mennonite and Brethren in Christ national churches from 60 countries, with around 1.45 million baptized believers in close to 10,180 congregations. About 84% of baptized believers in MWC member churches are African, Asian or Latin American, and 16% are located in Europe and North America.

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday January 14th ~ Attendance – 42

Sunday, January 28th ~ Speaker: Darrell Winger

Scripture Texts (Focus texts highlighted): Deuteronomy 18:15-20;

Psalms 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

Worship Committee meets January 24th, 10:30 a.m.

♪ **Women's Chorus** ~ January 25th at 9:30 a.m.

Adult Sunday School will resume on January 28 with a discussion of Pastor Darrell's sermon, followed by further consideration of *The Bible Unwrapped: Making Sense of Scripture Today*. Kevin McCabe and Mac Plunkett will be leading the group going forward.

Annual Reports ~ Please submit annual reports for the Grace Annual Report Book, via email, to the church office (Ester) by **Thursday January 25th**. Contact the office for assistance if necessary, or if you wish to hand in a hard copy.

We will be participating in communion on February 4th.

Each time we break bread and share the cup together, we have the opportunity for reflection and celebration of important truths: Christ's sacrificial love, his grace and forgiveness, and his invitation to pursue a right relationship with him and each other, enable by his Spirit.

Annual Meeting ~ After the Worship Service on **Sunday, February 25th** in the Church Hall

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



A Moment for MCC: Every purchase at MCC Thrift goes toward supporting MCC's work around the world
One of MCC's partners is working to reduce malnutrition in Nepal, focusing on pregnant and nursing mothers and children under five. The program provides training on nutrition, locally available foods, kitchen gardens, the importance of pre- and post-natal care as well as training for peer educators. Bircha Maya Gole and Manisha Lama are participating in a women's group facilitated by program worker, Sapana Tamang. Thank you for making a difference through MCC Thrift. ♥

Update from Westview Centre for Women

Thank you friends of Westview centre4women for your support over the years. As you heard on Sunday, we're going through a major shift over the next couple months. This has been a very challenging time and we're hoping that with a new start we will continue to feel the joy of walking along side our community in the Queenston neighbourhood.

We are so thankful and blessed to have a building to move to that will give us more space. The best part is that we stay within the community which was the number one priority.

Please pray for all the details that need to be worked out in order for the transition to go ahead smoothly. I'll keep you informed after the dust has settled. Thank you for your support and prayers.

Erika Klassen

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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