



January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 9:30 a.m.

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

**Prelude** Ester Funk

**Gathering Thoughts** Doug Schulz

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship, Prayer**

Leader: Blessed are the poor, the hungry, those who weep,  
those who suffer.

**People: God calls the last and least, God prepares the feast.  
God turns tears to praise, God guards all our ways.**

Leader: Blessed are the poor; God is poor with us.  
Blessed are the hungry; God knows our hunger too.

**People: Blessed are those who weep,  
God shares all of our grief.  
Blessed are those who suffer, God will bring relief.**

**All: The doors of heaven are open, and glory is shining  
through. Rejoice! God is with us,  
and blessed are we. Blessed are we!**

**Hymn** *Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing* HWB #81

**Passing of the Peace**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Musical Reflection**

**Glory Stories and Prayers of the People** Doug Schulz

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

**Scripture Reading** Micah 6:1-8 [OT p.]

**Hymn** *Blest are they* Grace Singers

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 5:1-12 [NT p.4]

<b>Meditation</b>	“Watch Your (Be)attitude”	Mac Plunkett
<b>Hymn of Response</b>	<i>I bind my heart this tide</i>	HWB #411
<b>Benediction</b>		Mac Plunkett
<b>Sending Hymn</b>	<i>When You Walk from Here</i>	
	<i>When you walk from here, when you walk from here, walk with justice, walk with mercy, and with God’s humble care.</i>	

**Postlude**

*Coffee Time following the service*

***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]**

**GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<p align="center"><b>Sunday January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023</b> Attendance – 42      Budget Offering – \$2,325.00</p>
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**Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> –** Worship Service [9:30 a.m.]

Speaker: David Brubacher

**Scripture Texts** (Focus texts highlighted): Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12); **Psalm 112:1-9(10)**; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16); **Matthew 5:13-20**

**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, Erika I, Hertha J, Mary L, Helen M, John S, Alice T, and Lena W. With love from your pastoral care chaplain, Jan Steven.

**Note of Thanks ~ The family of Erna Froese** is thankful for all your cards and expressions of care. Erna loved her family at Grace.

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

**Please be in prayer for the family of Mary Sawatzky;** John, Lorraine and extended family. Mary died late in the evening of Tuesday, January 24. The funeral will be held at Tallman's on Tuesday, January 31 at 11:00 a.m. There will be no visitation.

### **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 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

**Coffee Time after the Service** ~ February 12<sup>th</sup>

**Annual Meeting** ~ After the Worship Service on **Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>** in the Church Hall

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

**The First Mennonite Church** in Vineland is hosting a Portable CMU on February 3, 4 & 5. **Gerald Gerbrandt**, President and Prof Emeritus from CMU is coming to speak on the subject of "The Art of Reading Scripture".



### **From Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC)**

\*Each week we pray for a faith community within the MCEC of congregations. This week we pray for **Tree of Life/Arbre de Vie** in Monetteville, ON. Philip Lichty provides pastoral leadership for the congregation. Pray for this family of faith as they celebrate 25 years of ministry.



### **A Moment for MCC: Did you know?**

Did you know that MCC works in every continent in the world except Antarctica and Australia? MCC works in 45 countries around the world. We partner with local churches and organizations with similar values to amplify our impact. We hope you will be part of our work of relief, development, and peace in the name of Christ. For more info visit [mcccanada.ca](http://mcccanada.ca)

## Prayer

give me, O God, this day:

humility,

so I can see you in the most vulnerable;

a cup

to catch the tears of all who weep;

an arm

for the longanimous [long-suffering]  
to cling to as they walk through life;

a broken heart

which can heal those who have harmed me;

guilelessness

which looks at the other and sees your beloved  
(not an object);

friendship

which embraces those we are taught to fear;

hospitality

which welcomes those who are ridiculed as they shadow you;

words

of hope, of comfort, of grace  
whispered in the ears of all who are slandered for your name.

~ written by Thom M. Shuman

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