



January 5, 2025 9:30 a.m.

*Epiphany
Together in the Light*

Prelude Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts Doug Schulz

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, shine, for our light has come and the glory of God has risen upon us!

People: Nations will come to the light, and rulers to the brightness of your dawn.

Leader: The love of God for all peoples and nations is revealed through Jesus Christ.

People: We are now one world and one family, called to be children of God.

Leader: We commit to walk together in the light, following Jesus all the way.

All: ***Arise, shine, for our light has come! Yes, arise, shine, God's light has come!***

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 *See Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

*See whose glory fills the skies, Jesus, the light of the world!
Sun of righteousness, arise: Jesus, the light of the world!*

*Refrain: We'll walk in the light! Beautiful light!
Shine where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Oh, shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the light of the world.*

*More and more thyself display, Jesus, the light of the world!
Shining to the perfect day, Jesus, the light of the world!
Refrain*

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People

Doug Schulz

Hymn

Jesus shall reign

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (OT p.533)

Hymn

Arise and Shine

*Refrain: Arise and shine! Your light has come to
all who dwell in darkness.
Arise and shine, for in our midst
the light of Christ is with us.*

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 60:1-5a (OT p.690)

Meditation

“Together in the Light”

Darrell, Diana & Pam

Hymn of Response *Here I Am to Worship*

*Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see
beauty that made this heart adore you, hope of a life spent with you.*

Refrain: *So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that you're my God. You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.*

Benediction

Darrell Winger

Sending Hymn

Arise and Shine

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

Epiphany 2 Sunday January 12th

Speaker: Jan Steven

Scripture Texts: **Luke 3:15-17, 21-22, Acts 8:14-17**

Coffee Times ~ January 19th

Sunday, December 29th ~ Attendance - 32

♪ **Women's Chorus** ~ Thursdays on

January 9th, January 23rd at 9:30 a.m.

Preaching Team Meeting ~ Wednesday, January 15 at 10 am.

Please pray for the family of Jake Boldt as they grieve the loss of Ester Funk's father. He passed away on Wednesday, January 1st, in the morning. Visitation will be held on Sunday, January 5th, from 3:00 – 5:00 pm at the Scott St. Church (Mennonite Brethren). Funeral will be on Monday, January 6th, at 11:00 am.

2024 Financial Update: I want to express many thanks to all who gave so generously this past year. We were able to pay all the necessary expenses and also start off the new year with an amount that hopefully will be sufficient. More information will be forthcoming in weeks to come and at our AGM in March. Lorraine (Treasurer)

Pastor Accilien (Haiti):

Grace has sent a donation of \$800 to Pastor Accilien in Haiti through Waldo. He oversaw a church and school both in Port au Prince and in the mountainous area of Maissade in the past. A picture of the school children and of the church building is posted on the board in the foyer. This was his response:

Praise God, praise God, glad to hear from you Pastor Waldo. For us we are good, not big gang's problem but the people live in the bad condition. We continue to serve the Lord, the school is still working with a lot of kids. Please tell everyone a big thank you! The church at Maissade is in construction, we are so glad for your help. Give my greetings to everyone. Merry Christmas. Love, Pastor Accilien

2025 is the 500th Anniversary of Anabaptism:

Sunday, January 19th, Rev. Doug Klassen, Executive Minister for Mennonite Church Canada, will be 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.

Niagara Grow Hope's Final Report on 2024 Crop:

The wheat yield from Grow Hope in 2024 was 2,610 bushel from 41 acres = 63.6 bushel/acre.

While the field was planted late in the fall of 2023, it could have yielded better as some later fields in the area were stronger. But sometimes the land delivers its own return on its own terms. Canadian Food Grains Bank was able to contract some of our wheat at the strong price of \$8.68/bushel. So the 63.6 bushel/acre gives a dollar yield of \$552.04/acre or \$22,633.64 for the whole project.

We are thankful for all who contributed to this year's efforts and hope for another year of good cropping this spring.

Message from MCC Ontario and Canadian Food Grains Bank

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. Amen

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