



July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## *Growing in God - Abiding*

### **Prelude**

Annie Schulz

### **Welcome, Call to Worship & Prayer**

Pastor Doug

Source and sustainer of life,  
we cherish the myriad works of your hands.  
Water, earth and sky are yours,  
as are all their inhabitants,  
wild and tame.

We thank you for creatures that nourish and serve us,  
befriend, enrich, entertain, and protect us.  
May we, who are made in your image,  
care for them well.

And may your groaning yet wondrous creation  
rally and thrive,  
revealing to all who come after us

your wise, redemptive, transforming love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen [fr. Voices Together #1009]

### **Hymn**

*This is my Father's world*

HWB 154

### **Scripture Reading**

Psalms 24 [OT p.502]

### **Passing of the Peace & Prayers of the People**

### **Hymn**

*God, Be the Love*

VT 43

Refrain ~ O Christ, surround me, O Christ, surround me.

### **Scripture Reading**

Mark 6:14-29 [NT p.40]

Pam Pauls

### **Reflection**

"The Price of Truth"

Waldo Pauls

### **Hymn of Response**

*Healer of our every ill*

HWB 377

### **Benediction**

### **Sending Hymn**

*In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified*

VT 754

V1 In my life, Lord, be glorified...today

V2 In our song, Lord, be glorified...today

V3 In your church, Lord, be glorified...today

V4 In your world, Lord, be glorified...today

### **Postlude**

[Offering box available on table at back of sanctuary]

***It is good to be together in worship this morning!***

The ushers are pleased to help any who need assistance.

## **GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pastor Office Note** ~ In order for Pastor Beth to give full attention to some family health care matters, Council has provided a time for her to be on leave for several weeks.

**Budget Income for July 4<sup>th</sup>** \$4,984.59



**Congratulations and Best Wishes** to Diana & Denis Lantin as they celebrate their 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary Monday July 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **♪ Women's Chorus Practice**

Thursday July 15<sup>th</sup> 9:10 a.m.

Recording at 10:00 a.m.

**JULY 18<sup>th</sup> Speaker** ~ Jan Steven

**Scripture Texts for July 18<sup>th</sup>** (Focus texts highlighted)

II Samuel 7:1-14a

Ephesians 2:11-22

Psalms 89:20-37, **Psalm 146**

**Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

**Audio-Recordings:** For all services, go to our church's website [gracemennonite@bellnet.ca](mailto:gracemennonite@bellnet.ca). Click on **Services 2021** and the list of services pops up with the most recent first.

**On "Live" service Sundays** the recording will be posted on the website by Monday; however, there will not be a script to follow. Click on **Bulletins 2021** to see the bulletin.

**On Thursday recording weeks** the recording will be posted on the website by Friday, along with the worship service notes.

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

### **Bridge of Hope S. Sudanese Sponsorship Fundraising Update:**

Contributions received to date is \$15,326.54 (Grace's portion \$11,026.54). Proposed donations from other sources is \$18,4785. Bridge of Hope needs \$11,198.46 to reach the goal of \$45,000 in order to apply for a family of 6 from the South Sudan. If you are able to help in this cause, please give to Grace Mennonite Church, indicating Bridge of Hope on the memo line of your cheque. Thank you to all who have donated to this date!



### **MCC News - Grow Hope, Niagara**

We have contributed \$3100. to the end of June to this MCC/Foodgrains Project to raise funds to help feed some hungry people around the world. Sponsorship is calculated to be roughly \$400. per acre, which means that Grace has sponsored almost 8 of the 41 acres devoted to this project. Your \$10. contribution becomes \$50. when matched 4 to 1 by our Federal Government through Global Affairs Canada.

Please designate "MCC Grow Hope" on your church envelope and remember that this is an above budget project. Many thanks from MCC, Foodgrains and hungry people. Ted Stephen



### **A Moment for MCC – One piece at a time: An MCC partner in India supports the resiliency of women who have survived abuse**

There was no peace in Anju Shaw's life. For 20 years, she'd endured constant abuse and neglect at the hands of her husband and then her husband's parents. She had no support, no one to speak for her or listen to her. She didn't think the police would care about her—if they believed her in the first place. The ideas of peace, safety or stability were as far from her as the sky itself.

It was a miracle then, when a woman from a local Saathi women's group (from the Hindi word, meaning "to journey together") who knew about her situation told her about Barrackpore Avenue and how they could help her...

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## OUTREACH & INSIGHT

### Mennonite Church Canada Resources on Indigenous-Settler Relationship:

The *Intotemak* Series:

[Editors Jeff Friesen & Steve Heinrichs]

*Wrongs to Rights; Yours, Mine, Ours; Quest for Respect*

*Unsettling the Word: Biblical Experiments in Decolonization*

[To borrow or for ordering information,  
contact Pastor Doug]

### REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

... those facing health challenges and those experiencing recent and continued grief

... in the summer months MCEC encourages us to pray for the churches in our geographical cluster. (Bethany Mennonite, Hamilton Mennonite, Lao Christian Fellowship, Niagara U.M., St. Catharines U.M., The First Mennonite Church, Vineland U.M. Westview Christian Fellowship). Pray that God would grant us courage as we look to where God is calling us in our communities, in our regional church community and in our nationwide community of faith. Pray that God would inspire our imaginations as we follow God's leading and respond to God's call.

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