



July 13th, 2025 9:30 a.m.
God in Extraordinary Times

Prelude Ester Funk

Gathering Thoughts Pam Pauls
Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Leader: For the beauty of the summer day

People: and the comfort of friends nearby

Leader: for the invitation to love and be loved

People: for our God who extends the call

Leader: for the time set apart to nourish the soul

People: for time to go out into the world armed with love

Leader: for all these things we give thanks.

All: *Let us worship God.*

Prayer

Hymn *O worship the Lord* HWB #124

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer
Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People Pam Pauls

Hymn *God of our life* HWB #486

Scripture Reading Psalm 25:1-10 (OT p.502)

Grace Singers *Build Your Kingdom Here* (Insert) VT #393

Scripture Reading Colossians 1:1-14 (NT p.199)

Meditation "What Kind of Church?" Darrell Winger

Hymn of Response *Let's Walk Together* (Insert) VT #6

Benediction Darrell Winger

Sending Hymn *God Calls Us* (Insert) VT #394

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]

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, July 6th ~ Attendance – 43

Sunday, July 20th ~ Speaker: Laur Steven
Scripture Readings: Luke 10:38-42; 1 Peter 4:7-11

Summer Coffee Times ~ July 20th, August 10th

Save the date ~ August 31st, 4:00 p.m.
Grace Church Social at Doug & Ester's Farm

The budget offerings in June totalled \$14,144.20

Your **sixth month offering report** ending June 30th is now in your church mailbox. If you have any questions, please speak to Lorraine Sawatzky (Treasurer).

A Financial Update: At our AGM in March, we approved a budget which asked for \$165,250.00 for budget offerings. To date (June 30th), the budget offerings have totalled \$77,425.20. That means that there is still \$87,824.80 to be raised before the end of the year. If we do that, then with the rental income that comes in, we will be able to pay for the budget expenses that occur and were also approved. Just a reminder that the audio and video systems that we approved last Sunday – those costs are coming out of our Reserve Fund. I am hoping not to use the approximately \$53,000 left in the Reserve for any budget expenses. Many of you have increased your givings this year and that is very generous. Are we able to do more? Lorraine Sawatzky, Treasurer

Are you wondering how someone is doing? You haven't seen them at church or haven't talked to them lately? Please phone them. It makes a world of difference! And if they'd like a friendly visit (Jan) or a pastoral care visit (Darrell,) let us know.

We have Grace friends in long term care and assisted living and sometimes in hospital. Continue to pray for John B, Anne D, Reg F, Agnes G, Jake H, Erika I, Hertha J, Mary K (in St. Catharines,) Mary L, Helene M, Elsie P, and Marlene W. Thank you!

Church Membership ~ If you are interested in becoming a member of Grace Mennonite Church, Pastor Darrell will be facilitating a learning opportunity ("Experiencing Grace") in early September. If you are interested in this, please let Darrell know.

The Worship Committee is reorganizing the worship storage area and banners created many years ago are on display in the church hall for July and August. We would like to repurpose them, so if you know the story related to a particular banner or would like to have a banner(s) please contact Annie Schulz.

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**. This week we are praying for **Toronto United Mennonite Church**. Peter Haresnape and Christina Reimer provide pastoral leadership for this community. Pray for this community as they follow Christ's example in working for peace and justice in their urban context.



God, we thank You for the nearly 600 people who gathered for MC Canada Gathering 2025 and the Youth Gathering. We are grateful for the rich times of worship, learning, and connection.

Thank you for supporting the Niagara Regional Native Centre Fundraiser

The Niagara Truth and Reconciliation Working Group thanks you for supporting the fundraiser for the Niagara Regional Native Centre. Thanks to you we raised over \$8000 for a mechanical floor cleaner; exceeding our original goal. You are invited to join the Centre in a few weeks time when they have received their new machine. More details will come when we know the date and time.

MCC Thrift St. Catharines is Hiring a Retail Lead

Are you passionate about community, service, and second-hand retail? MCC Thrift in St. Catharines is seeking a **Retail Lead** to help oversee daily operations, support volunteers, and create an inviting, mission-focused shopping experience. This is a meaningful opportunity to join a vibrant team and support the global work of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC).

Learn more and apply here:

<https://mccglobal.my.site.com/MCCJobs>

Applications are open until **July 20, 2025**.

Drinking from My Saucer

I remember times when things went wrong,
my faith wore somewhat thin.

But all at once the dark clouds broke,
and the sun peeped through again.

So God, help me not to gripe
about the tough rows that I've hoed.

I'm drinking from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

If God gives me strength and courage,
When the way grows steep and rough.

I'll not ask for other blessings,
I'm already blessed enough.

And may I never be too busy,
To help others bear their loads.

Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

By John Paul Moore

Kindly submitted by Bob Dell

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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Build Your Kingdom Here

Verse 1: *Come set your rule, and reign in our hearts again.
Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we're made.
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,
like wildfire in our very souls;
Holy Spirit, come, invade us now.
We are your church; we need your pow'r in us.*

Verse 2: *We seek your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst;
refuse to waste our lives, for you're our joy and prize.
To see the captives' hearts released,
the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace,
we lay down our lives for heaven's cause.
We are your church; we pray, revive this earth.*

Refrain: *Build your kingdom here. Let the evil fear.
Show your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.
Set your church on fire. Win your people back.
Change the atmosphere. Build your kingdom here, we pray!*

Verse 3: *Unleash your kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near and far.
No force of hell can stop your beauty, changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this;
awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
We are your church; we are the hope on earth.*

Refrain: *Build your kingdom here. Let the evil fear.
Show your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.
Set your church on fire. Win your people back.
Change the atmosphere. Build your kingdom here, we pray!*

Let's Walk Together

Verse 1: *Let's walk together for a while, and ask where we begin
to build a world where love can grow, and hope can enter in,
to be the hands of healing, and to plant the seed of peace,*

Refrain: *singing welcome, welcome to this place.*

You're invited to come and know God's grace.

*All are welcome, the love of God to share,
'cause all of us are welcome here; all are welcome in this place.*

Verse 2: *Let's talk together of a time when we will share a feast,
where pride and power kneel to serve the lonely and the least,
and joy will set the table as we join our hands to pray,*

Refrain: *singing welcome, welcome to this place.*

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God Calls Us

*God calls us to be followers of Christ,
and by the pow'r of the Spirit,
to grow as communities of grace, joy, and peace,
so God's healing and hope flow through us to the world,
so God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.*