



July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 9:30 a.m.  
*God in Extraordinary Times*

**Prelude** Annie Schulz

**Gathering Thoughts** Judy Willems  
**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Praise be to God

**People: who rescues us from the power of darkness,  
who redeems us and sets us free!**

Leader: Praise be to Jesus Christ, the firstborn of creation,

**People: through whom all things were made,  
in heaven and on earth,**

Leader: Praise be to the Spirit of God

**People: whose presence sustains us,  
and whose breath renews all creation.**

Leader: Behold! I am making all things new!

**All: Come, O God, and make your home among us.  
Pour out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

**Prayer**

**Hymn** *Sing a New World into Being* (Insert) VT #809

**Passing of the Peace**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Hymn** *God, whose giving* HWB #383, vv.1,2

**Prayers of the People** Judy Willems

**Grace Singers** *May You Be Rooted and Grounded* (Insert)  
VT#396

**Scripture Reading** Luke 10:38-42 (NT p.72)

**Hymn** *In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified* (Insert) VT #754

**Scripture Reading** 1 Peter 4:7-11 (NT p.234)

**Meditation** "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" Laur Steven

**Hymn of Response**     *Heart with loving heart united*  
HWB #420, vv. 1, 2

**Benediction**     Laur Steven

**Sending Hymn**     *Heart with loving heart united*     HWB #420, v. 3

**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**

**Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>** ~ Attendance – 40

**Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>** ~ Speaker: Kevin Block, retired pastor  
Kevin & Marilyn have been attending the past few months.  
Scripture Readings: Psalm 85:8-13; Luke 11:1-13

**Summer Coffee Time** ~ August 10<sup>th</sup>

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

**Congratulations and best wishes to Ted & Patti Kopp** as they  
celebrate their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

**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") on September 21<sup>st</sup> following the worship service. 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***

### **Grow Hope Niagara:**

This year's grain growing project is successfully underway!

On March 30<sup>th</sup> we had an information /fundraising night that many of you attended. That evening included a video report on Gaza food aid and the challenges of that situation and also a reflection on South Sudan and the food insecurity there that is a sometimes forgotten crisis. Christina Philips, Director of Resources and Public engagement had recently been in south Sudan and spoke of the dire need that communities were facing there. That evening raised \$10,300. But we will need more support for this year's corn planting. A new sign was presented on March 30<sup>th</sup> and now it has been placed at the roadside in front of the field. It replaced the old sign that was becoming weathered.

Another positive sign is the new corn crop emerging in the cover crop of last year's wheat residue. This spring was a challenging planting season with cold May temperatures and heavy midmonth rains. This made it difficult to get good emergence of the corn crop but it is responding well now. The rows are clearly visible and are more advanced than the picture shows from 10 days ago. We are hopeful now that secondary nitrogen has been applied that the field will progress well. We would be happy for a rain soon to help propel its growing progress.

This project has been a great fundraiser for MCC and CFGB (Canadian Foodgrain Bank) for many years and we hope to continue its influence in making a difference for hungry people around the world. Please consider a donation to this project. **If by cash or cheque, mark your offering envelope "Grow Hope". And if by e-transfer, in the message box indicate "Grow Hope"**. These donations should be considered as above budget givings. In the past, a benchmark for expenses has been around \$200/ acre, but costs have risen in recent years and it will be more this year. There are 42 acres and we will need more than other years to cover costs.

Please consider helping us make it another year of successful fundraising for CFGB/MCC!



The 2025 **Canadian wildfire season** continues to take a heavy toll. As of July 2, over 2,600 active fires have burned across multiple provinces. Let's pray together to the God of Creation for relief, rain, and protection. May our faithfulness move us to action in supporting evacuees and firefighters, and to work imaginatively for the preservation of creation wherever we are. God grant us courage to do this work with LOVE!



**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**.

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**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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## ***Sing a New World into Being***

*Sing a new world into being. Sound a bold and hopeful theme.*

*Find a tune for silent yearnings.*

*Lend your voice and dare to dream:  
dream a church where all who worship  
find their lives and loves belong.*

*Sing a new world into being. Sing as Christ inspires your song!*

*Sing a new world into being where each gender, class, and race  
bring its rainbow gifts and colors to God's limitless embrace;  
where the lines that once divided form instead the ties that bind.*

*Sing a new world into being: risk transforming heart and mind!*

*Sing a new world into being where the homeless find a home;  
where no children ever hunger but are filled with God's shalom;  
where all people work for justice,  
where all hate and vengeance cease.*

*Sing a new world into being: raise the harmonies of peace.*

## ***In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified***

*In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.*

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

*In our song, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.*

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

*In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.*

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

*In your world, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.*

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

## ***May You Be Rooted and Grounded***

**Refrain:** *May you be rooted and grounded in love,  
strengthened in the Spirit through faith,  
to know the height and depth and length and breadth  
of God's understanding and grace.*

*Paul said we're all one body, though each has diff'rent gifts,  
each given for the common good;  
together we are lifted up, and*

**Refrain:** *rooted and grounded in love,  
strengthened in the Spirit through faith,  
to know the height and depth and length and breadth  
of God's understanding and grace.*

*Let all you do be done in love, and open your heart wide.  
If you live by the Spirit, let the Spirit be your guide, and keep you*

**Refrain:** *rooted and grounded in love,  
strengthened in the Spirit through faith,  
to know the height and depth and length and breadth  
of God's understanding and grace.*

*So when you feel like worrying, turn ev'rything to prayer,  
and God will search your heart and soul,  
and hope will find you there. You will be*

**Refrain:** *rooted and grounded in love,  
strengthened in the Spirit through faith,  
to know the height and depth and length and breadth  
of God's understanding and grace.*