



July 6th, 2025 9:30 a.m.
God in Extraordinary Times

Prelude Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts Mac Plunkett
Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Leader: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

**People: O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.**

Leader: O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those
gone down to the Pit.

**People: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.**

**All: *For his anger is but for a moment;
his favour is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger
for the night, but joy comes with the morning.***

Prayer

Hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* HWB #37

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Hymn *For the fruit of all creation* HWB #90, vv.1,3

Prayers of the People Mac Plunkett

Hymn *Let's Walk Together* VT #6

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.

Scripture Reading 2 Kings 5:1-14 (OT p.336)

Grace Singers *Healing River of the Spirit*

Verse 3: *Living stream that heals the nations,
make us channels of your pow'r.*

*All the world is torn by conflict; wars are raging at this hour.
Saving Spirit, move among us; guide our winding human course,
till we find our way together, flowing homeward to our Source.*

Scripture Reading Luke 10:17-20 (NT p.71)

Meditation "Wisdom from the Margins" David Brubacher

Hymn of Response *For the healing of the nations*
HWB #367, vv.1,2

Benediction Mac Plunkett

Sending Hymn *For the healing of the nations*
HWB #367, vv.3,4

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]

**Congregational Meeting after the service today in Church Hall
regarding the sound system**

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, June 29th ~ Attendance – 42

Sunday, July 13th ~ Speaker: Darrell Winger
Scripture Readings: Psalm 25:1-10; Colossians 1:1-14

Summer Coffee Times ~ July 20th, August 10th

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

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.

God in Extraordinary Times – Our Summer Sunday Theme

According to the church year, or the liturgical calendar we follow at Grace, we are in “Ordinary Time.” Over these coming weeks of Ordinary Time, there are no specific, unique events (e.g., Advent, Lent), and usually during the weeks of summer church life slows down. Our summer theme for our Sunday worship services is a play on the word “ordinary.” Thankfully, God embraces and works in and through the ordinary – ordinary people and the activities and experiences of common, everyday life. As has been said, the daily is infused with the divine. Yet, as we look at what is happening in our world these times feel anything but ordinary. The Spirit of God is present in both the ordinary and when times feel chaotic, and his redemptive work is always extraordinary. Whether in the common or the extraordinary, in the expected or unexpected, our invitation is to see God’s presence and to be faithful to his call.

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 join MCC for an inspiring evening in Niagara-on-the-Lake with MCC Area Directors for Europe and the Middle East, Anne Marie and Scott Stoner-Eby.

They will share powerful stories of how MCC and its local partners are responding to the needs of communities in Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, and other regions affected by conflict. You’ll also hear heartfelt personal stories from individuals whose families have been supported by MCC’s work, along with an update on MCC’s local refugee resettlement efforts. Come and be encouraged by the real impact your support is making around the world.

Date & time: Today Sunday July 6, 2025, 6:30pm – 8:00 pm

Please bring your own lawn chair! Refreshments provided following the presentation, along with a huge campfire. A free event, and donations will be accepted. **Event location: Epp Family Lakeside Property** - From Lakeshore Road, turn onto Firelane 2 Road, then turn right onto Fireland 2A Road and go to the end. The property is at the end of that road on the left-hand side. ******In case of rain, the event will take place at Bethany Mennonite Church, 572 East & West Line, Virgil, ON.**

A Moment for MCC - Portable gas stoves make cooking safer for people displaced in Gaza! Mohamed and his wife have been living in a tent for over a year, ever since the Israeli military destroyed their house in Gaza. Cooking over a fire has been their only option while they have been displaced. Because of a distribution from Mennonite Central Committee's (MCC) local partner, they now have a portable gas stove they can use instead. The gas stove is safer than an open fire, Mohamed says, because the fire attracts unwanted attention from the military. "A lot of people were targeted because they lit a fire at night," he says. They are among 700 recipients of portable gas stoves from Al-Najd Developmental Forum (Al-Najd). Al-Najd purchased the stoves in Gaza with funds from MCC. Because of Israel's tight restrictions on bringing humanitarian relief into Gaza, Al-Najd must purchase from supplies that are available locally. When Israel loosens its restrictions, MCC is prepared to bring 4,000 family-size packages of food stored in Jordan into Gaza for Al-Najd to distribute. Mohamed says, "May God bless you all for the efforts you made." **You can** show your support through your offering. If by cash or cheque, designate the offering envelope "MCC – stoves for Gaza". If by e-transfer, write MCC – stoves for Gaza in the message box.

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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