



July 9th, 2023 9:30 a.m.

Prelude Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts Pam Pauls

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship & Prayer HWB #712

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he descended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

*universal

Hymn *Blessed Jesus, at your word* HWB #13

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Hymn *Grant us, Lord, the grace* HWB #388
(The tune is *Morning has Broken*)

Prayers of the People Pam Pauls

Scripture Reading Romans 7:15-25a [NT p.157]

Grace Singers *Come to the Water*

Scripture Reading Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 [NT p.11]

Meditation “Managing Expectations” Waldo Pauls

Hymn of Response *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,

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Pastoral Candidate Vote Laur Steven, Council Chair

Hymn *For the beauty of the earth* HWB #89

Benediction (Congregation please stand) Waldo Pauls

Sending Hymn

Come with thanksgiving, glad thanksgiving,

come with thanksgiving, come all singing,

come with thanksgiving, glad thanksgiving,

come with thanksgiving, come all singing.

It is good to be together in worship this morning!

The ushers are pleased to help any who need assistance.

[Offering plate available on table at back of sanctuary]

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday July 2nd, 2023 ~ Attendance – 55

Offering Report: Your personal 6 month (January – June 2023) offering report is now in your mailbox.



Save the date ~ Sunday, July 23rd at 4:00 p.m.

Grace Social Gathering in the Church Hall
Watermelon, rollkuchen, salads and desserts.

Program: Grace Picture Show.

Sign up sheet on Grace bulletin board in the foyer.

Sunday, July 16th – Speaker: Mac Plunkett

Scripture Texts (Focus texts highlighted): **Genesis 25:19-34;**

Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11; **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

♥ Pastoral Care Team (Grace Friends)

Happy Summer of 2023! After church this Sunday, come see me – Jan Steven- in the foyer for your July treat and card.

Dear Lord, guide our feet this summer and always. Amen.

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



From Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC)

*Each week we pray for a **faith community within the MCEC community of congregations**. This week we pray for Bethany Mennonite Church in Virgil, part of our Niagara Cluster of churches.

*Join us in praying with the **Kimia congregation in Kinshasa (part of the Mennonite Community of the Congo)**.

City authorities destroyed part of its sanctuary after deciding to bulldoze buildings in the area. The decision came despite the congregation holding legal documents showing its purchase of the land and permission to build. Pray that God will touch the hearts of the government authorities who are handling this situation and that they will recognize the congregation's legal right to its land and building.

*Continue to pray for **those who are experiencing displacement and concern as wildfires burn across Canada**.

***Pray for those who are living in an area impacted by war**. Make us channels of God's peace.



A Moment for MCC ~ Climate action from the ground up

That desire propelled Tariro Cynthia Mutsindikwa into university studies in engineering. “Growing up, I always wanted to solve things,” says Cynthia Mutsindikwa.

Today, as a clean energy officer for MCC partner Score Against Poverty (SCORE) in Mwenezi District, Zimbabwe, she is doing just that. Her work is bringing technology like solar panels, fuel-efficient stoves and biodigesters to women in Mwenezi District, Zimbabwe. It’s solving problems at an individual level by making life easier for women, but also working to try and solve the larger problems communities are facing due to climate change.

For more information, visit www.climateactionforpeace.com

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