



June 22nd, 2025 9:30 a.m.
2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts
Lighting the Christ Candle

Jan Steven

Call to Worship

Leader: We come to worship God,

People: for God is just and compassionate. God is love.

Leader: Where will we find God?

**People: God is among us and among the people
we call "them."**

Leader: Let us seek God so that we can serve God.

**All: *Let us worship God and seek God's healing,
reconciling grace.***

Prayer

Hymn *All hail the power of Jesus' name*

HWB #285

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Women's Chorus *As the Wind Song through the Trees*

Prayers of the People

Jan Steven

Hymn *The church of Christ, in every age* HWB #403, vv.1,3,5

Scripture Reading Galatians 3:23-29 (NT p.189)

Hymn *Christ Has Broken Down the Wall*

VT #174

*Christ has broken down the wall, Christ has broken down the wall.
Let us join our hearts as one, Christ has broken down the wall!*

*We're accepted as we are, we're accepted as we are.
Through God's love all is reconciled, we're accepted as we are.*

*Cast aside your doubts and fears,
cast aside your doubts and fears.
Peace and love, freely offered here;
cast aside your doubts and fears.*

*We will tear down the walls! We will tear down ev'ry wall!
God has called us, one and all; Christ has broken down the wall!*

Scripture Reading Luke 8:26-39 (NT p.68)
Meditation "Confronting Oppression" Darrell Winger
Hymn of Response *Healer of our every ill* HWB #377, vv.1,3,4
Benediction Darrell Winger
Sending Hymn *In Christ there is no East or West*
HWB #306, vv.1,3
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]

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial Service at Grace for Denley (Dan) Cumby (dear friend of Janice Berg) today Sunday June 22nd, 1 p.m. Light lunch to follow in the Church Hall.

Sunday, June 15th ~ Attendance – 51

Church Council Meeting ~ Wednesday June 25th, 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 29th ~ Speaker: Jan Steven
Scripture Readings: Psalm 30:1-5, 8-12; 2 Corinthians 1:3-11
Coffee Time after the service

Congratulations and best wishes to Arnold & Anne Krause as they celebrate their 65th anniversary on June 25th.

One perk of attending Grace Mennonite Church, is that you may subscribe to *Canadian Mennonite*, a monthly magazine. *Canadian Mennonite* also stays in touch between issues with concise weekly emails that offer timely news from the Anabaptist world and behind-the-scenes reflections on articles they are working on. *Canadian Mennonite* covers the news, events and ideas shaping Mennonite Church Canada. As a valued subscriber, you have 2 options:

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Please let Ester in the office know if you would like to be added to our church's list by **July 2nd**. Subscriptions are paid for collectively through MCEC. (Mennonite Church Eastern Canada).

Notice of Special Congregational Meeting

The Grace Church Council has scheduled a short Special Congregational Meeting for **July 6th, at 10:45**, after the Sunday service. Council will ask the congregation to vote on the purchase of an upgraded audio sound system for the sanctuary. The system will include live-streaming capability.

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**. This week we are praying for **Toronto Chinese Mennonite Church**. Brian Quan, Luke Wong and Joshua Lash-Ballew provide pastoral leadership for this community. Pray for this community in downtown Toronto as they follow their mission of bringing people to Jesus and magnifying God in Spirit-filled worship.



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 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.**



Another fantastic New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale (NHMRS) is over, and what a sale it was!

Over \$321,000 was raised to support relief, development and peace around the world and here in Ontario.



A Moment for MCC: “Being with my family, my wife and my child-it is good,” says Ishwor Man Magar in Morange, Nepal. Thanks to MCC partner – HRDON’s Youth Empowerment and Eco-Entrepreneurship Project (YEEP) – Ishwor is able to stay close to home instead of migrating for work-so he can be there when his family needs him most. With support from YEEP, Ishwor became a self-employed vegetable and dairy farmer, gaining both income and independence while helping his community thrive. The YEEP project provides low-income youth in Nepal’s Morange District with training and seed money to establish agriculture enterprises close to home, keeping families together. Let us continue to support work that keeps families together and builds stronger communities. Learn more or donate at mcc.org.

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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