



June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 9:30 a.m.  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

Prelude

Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts  
Lighting the Christ Candle

Darrell Winger

Call to Worship

Leader: God calls us as he called the saints of the past.

Prophets in the wilderness and the disciples in the cities.

**People: By faith they perceived God's promises and followed his Spirit. They shared their blessings so that we might know God's presence here.**

Leader: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.

**All: *Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.***

Prayer

Hymn

*Great is thy faithfulness*

HWB #327

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Hymn *Christ, from whom all blessings* HWB #365, vv.1,2,4,5

Prayers of the People

Darrell Winger

Hymn *Love divine, all loves excelling* HWB #592, vv.1,2,3

Scripture Reading

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 (OT p.332)

Psalms 77:1-2, 11-12 (OT p.537)



**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.

### **Notice of Special Congregational Meeting**

The Grace Church Council has scheduled a short Special Congregational Meeting for **July 6th**, 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. Please check your church mailbox for more information.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Subscriptions are paid for collectively through MCEC. (Mennonite Church Eastern Canada).

### **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.

## ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



Please pray for the **MCEC** community of congregations. This week we are praying for **Toronto Mennonite New Life Church**. Pablo Kim-Sun provides pastoral leadership for this community. Pray for this Spanish-language church community on the east side of Toronto.



God of all wisdom, we remember the 350+ U30 and adults gathering at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate and 140+ youth gathering at the University of Waterloo in Kitchener this week for the **MC Canada Gathering 2025**. Grant them discernment, unity, and courage as they listen, speak, play and decide together. May your Spirit move among them, reminding each one that they are gifted and called for your good purposes.

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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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**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.**



**Aziz Abu Sarah and Maoz Inon** are world-renowned **Palestinian and Israeli peace-builders**. After Aziz lost his brother to the IDF and Maoz lost his parents on October 7th, both channelled their pain into bringing a just and lasting peace for all people in Palestine-Israel. They've given a viral TED Talk, they've met two Popes, and now they're coming to Kitchener-Waterloo! Hosted by **Mennonite Action**, join us at Rockway Mennonite Church **July 11-13** for the ***Hope is an Action* peace-building retreat** with Aziz and Maoz. If you can't join us for the whole weekend, join us for their **public talk Friday, July 11th** (also at Rockway MC). Doors open at 7:00pm, event begins at 7:30.

Register at **[HopelsAnAction.weebly.com](https://HopelsAnAction.weebly.com)**

If you have questions or wish to volunteer please email **[laura@lauramorlock.com](mailto:laura@lauramorlock.com)**

If you're able, please consider helping us cover the costs of flying and hosting them here: **[HopelsAnAction.weebly.com/donate](https://HopelsAnAction.weebly.com/donate)**



**A Moment for MDS** - All hands on deck for wildfires responses in Western Canada!

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) partnered with the Canadian Red Cross to service a large reception centre for wildfire evacuees in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

MDS volunteers welcomed evacuees to the centre, at 770 Leila Avenue, round-the-clock — directing them to sleeping accommodations and distributing food and essential hygiene supplies.

MDS Canada is currently responding in two British Columbia communities — the North Shuswap and Lytton — where wildfires devastated residents two and four years ago respectively.

“At MDS, we seek to offer long-term hope to disaster survivors. Our hearts go out to our neighbours across the province, who are impacted by the spreading wildfires,” said Ross Penner from Winnipeg, Manitoba.

You can show your support through your offering. If by cash or cheque, designate the offering envelope with the MDS project in mind. If by e-transfer, put the MDS project in the message box. Thank you.

### **Prayer For Migrant Workers**

On the first Wednesday of every month from 10:00 am to 10:30 am you are invited to participate in prayerful solidarity with our migrant neighbours. You're invited to join us for a time of reflection, intercession, and hope in uncertain times. Our next gathering is July 2nd. To get the Zoom link or more information, email Kit Andres: [kit@migrantworkersalliance.org](mailto:kit@migrantworkersalliance.org)



As disciples of Jesus, we see the hurt and chaos in the world. We cannot turn away, nor can we allow our hearts to grow numb. Instead, we are summoned to solidarity – to weep with those who weep, to pray without ceasing, to give sacrificially, and to speak prophetically for peace and justice.