



**March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 9:30 a.m.**

***Created in the Image of God,  
Shaped by Jesus***

**Lent 3 ~ Shaped through thirst**

**Prelude** Annie Schulz

**Gathering Thoughts** Mac Plunkett

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Lenten Hymn** *I hunger and I thirst* HWB #474, vv.1,4,5

**Call to Worship, Prayer**

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship.

**People: Let us kneel before the Lord our maker;**

Leader: for the Lord is our God,

**People: we are the people of God's pasture,**

**All: we are the flock under God's care.**

**Hymn** *O come, loud anthems let us sing* HWB #68

**Passing of the Peace**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Musical Reflection**

**Prayers of the People** Mac Plunkett

**Hymn** *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah* HWB #582

**Scripture Reading** Exodus 17:1-7 [OT p.64]

**Women's Chorus** *Here by the Water*

**Scripture Reading** John 4:5-30, 39-42 [NT p.94]

**Meditation** "Not Bad Water" Doug Schulz

**Hymn of Response** *O let all who thirst* HWB #495, vv.1,2,4

**Benediction** (Congregation please stand) Doug Schulz

**Sending Hymn**            *Lenten Hymn*

*Living Water of salvation, be the fountain of each soul;  
springing up in new creation, flow in us and make us whole,  
flow in us and make us whole.*

**Postlude**

***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 March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Attendance – 38      Budget Offering – \$4,220.00

**Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** – Worship Service [9:30 a.m.]

**Speaker:** Waldo Pauls

**Scripture Texts** (Focus texts highlighted): **1 Samuel 16:1-13;**  
Psalm 23; **Ephesians 5:8-14;** John 9:1-41

**♥ Pastoral Care Team (Grace Friends)**

Happy St. Patrick's Day – on March 17<sup>th</sup>! Were you away last week and missed getting your March love note from your Pastoral Care Friends and a gold-covered chocolate from at the end of the rainbow?! See Jan Steven in the foyer after church! ☺ This same card and sweet will be taken to most of our Grace Friends who can no longer come to church on Sundays. Is there someone you think I might miss? Let Jan Steven know at church or at 289-990-4839 or [janscats@gmail.com](mailto:janscats@gmail.com)

**Please continue to hold Deborah and Harry Nickerson** in your prayers.

♪ **Grace Singers** ~ March 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m.

♪ **Women's Chorus** ~ Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30 a.m.

## **ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD**



### **From Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC)**

\*Each week we pray for a faith community within the MCEC of congregations. This week we pray for **Waterloo-Kitchener United Mennonite Church**. Ben Cassels provides pastoral leadership for this congregation. Pray for them as they continue to learn and live the way of Jesus.



**Mennonite  
Disaster  
Service**

### **A Moment for MDS**

Mennonite Disaster Service recruits, organizes and empowers volunteers to repair and rebuild the homes of those impacted by disasters in the United States and Canada. As we respond with Christian love to serve people who would not otherwise have the means to recover, our goal is to restore hope and bring people home.

Hurricane Fiona struck Nova Scotia, and other parts of Atlantic Canada, on September 24, 2022. Winds of 140 kilometres per hour battered parts of the province, blowing down trees and damaging roofs and siding on houses.

MDS volunteers will begin their response in Glace Bay and other parts of Nova Scotia in late March. Volunteers will be doing various stages of repair on different houses. There will be some gutting, roofing, framing, insulation, and basement work.

We may be too old to gut and rebuild houses, but we can give money to assist with this work. You can give by your offering. If by cash, designate the envelope "MDS Fiona". If by cheque, make cheque payable to the church and designate "MDS Fiona" on memo line/envelope. By e-transfer, put "MDS Fiona" in message box.

**MDS – Restoring hope and bringing people home**

*A Journey through Lent*

## Prayer of Confession

(inspired by Exodus 17: 1-7, John 4: 5-42)

God of Living Water, you call us to come and drink.

**So why do we sit here and complain  
that there is not enough water?**

You call us to strike the rocks of our world  
and let your Living Water flow.

**But we do not trust enough that the spring is there.**

**We want to find the water on our own,  
using our own wisdom.**

You call us to share the Water of Life  
with the world around us.

**But we believe that the water is limited,  
not abundant and so we are tempted  
to save it for ourselves.**

For all the times we turn away from your Water,  
for all the times we sully the Water by misusing it,  
for all the times we let others go thirsty  
instead of offering a drink,

**Forgive us we pray.**

The Water of Life flows with abundance to fill us with hope,  
to cleanse us of our guilt, to float us to a new life.

Washed in the Living Water,  
we are forgiven and set free to live abundant life.

**Thanks and praise to God. Amen.**

~ written by Rev Gord

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