



**March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 9:30 a.m.**

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

**Lent 4 ~ Called to the light**

**Prelude** Annie Schulz

**Gathering Thoughts** Pam Pauls

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Lenten Hymn** *Lenten Hymn*

*Give us eyes to see you clearly, make us children of your light;  
give us hearts to live more nearly as your gospel shining bright,  
as your gospel shining bright.*

**Call to Worship, Prayer**

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd.

**People: We shall not want.**

Leader: God makes us lie down in green pastures.

**People: We shall not want.**

Leader: God leads us beside quiet waters.

**People: We shall not want.**

**All: *Restore us through your Holy Spirit,  
the love of Jesus Christ,  
and the comfort of your presence.***

**Hymn** *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee* HWB #71

**Passing of the Peace**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Musical Reflection**

**Prayers of the People** Pam Pauls

**Hymn** *Eternal Light, shine in my heart* HWB #518

**Scripture Reading** Ephesians 5:8-14 [NT p.194]

**Women's Chorus** *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

<b>Scripture Reading</b>	1 Samuel 16:1-13 [OT p.259]	
<b>Meditation</b>	“How’s Our Eyesight?”	Waldo Pauls
<b>Hymn of Response</b>	<i>Open My Eyes</i>	Back of Bulletin
<b>Benediction</b> (Congregation please stand)		Waldo Pauls
<b>Sending Hymn</b>	<i>Spirit of the living God</i>	HWB #349
<b>Postlude</b>		

***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 Singers** after the worship service today

## **GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<p><b>Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023</b>  Attendance – 46      Budget Offering – \$2,990.00</p>
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**Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** – Worship Service [9:30 a.m.]

**Speaker:** Kevin Block

**Scripture Texts** (Focus texts highlighted): Ezekiel 37:1-14;

**Psalms 130**; Romans 8:6-11; **John 11:1-45**

Kevin is a former pastor of The First Mennonite Church in Vineland.

Coffee Time following the service.

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

March continues to be a dreary month for all of us. Remember that you or a friend-in-need are only a “chat at church,” a phone call, or an email away from a Friendly Visit and a Soup from MCC partner “The Raw Carrot.” Contact Jan at church, 289-990-4839 or [janscats@gmail.com](mailto:janscats@gmail.com). Is there someone you think I might be missing? Let me know!

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

**Please remember the family of John Sawatzky** in your prayers. John died Wednesday, March 15. The funeral will be at Grace on Wednesday, March 22 at 11:00 a.m.

**Preaching Team** ~ Monday March 20<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.

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

**Worship Committee** ~ Thursday March 30<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.

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



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

**\*The Mennonite Church Eastern Canada Annual Church Gathering** is April 28 and 29 at the Rockway Mennonite Collegiate in Kitchener. The theme is - Transformed. Inspired. Called. If you would like to attend as a delegate, please speak with Laur Steven or David Brubacher.

\*Each week we pray for a faith community within the MCEC of congregations. This week we pray for **Waters Mennonite Church**, Lively, ON. Leadership is collaborative. Pray for them as they live life together and lean into the mystery of what God is wanting to do in their lives individually and also as a congregation.



**MCC News - Make Coins Count** - We plan to empty the MCC Coin Jug after service on April 2. MCC has many relief projects underway at present, dealing with earthquakes, the Ukraine, floods, famine, freedom and on and on. Our coins can help. A coin to us does not mean too much, but the coins in our jug, when added to MCC's other resources and purchasing power mean a lot to those in need. Check your pockets, purses and drawers for loose coins and listen to the sounds of your coins hitting the bottom of MCC's plastic jug. Those sounds that you hear are "Danke" from those in need around the world. Thanks, Ted Stephen



## **A Moment for MCC: Women and Girls in Afghanistan**

Many women and girls are still banned from education in Afghanistan. This Easter, you can help our partners on the ground provide things like literacy classes that will teach women how to read and write.

You can give by your offering. If by cash, designate the envelope "MCC Afghanistan." If by cheque, make the cheque payable to the church and designate "MCC Afghanistan" on the memo line / envelope. By e-transfer, put "MCC Afghanistan" in the message box.

### ***Open My Eyes***

*Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.  
Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.*

*Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.  
Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.*

*Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.  
Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.*

*A Journey  Through Lent*

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