



March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 9:30 a.m.

*Lent 5*  
*Jesus, who are you really...now?*

**Prelude**

Annie Schulz

**Gathering Thoughts**

Judy Willems

**Lighting the Christ Candle**



**Call to Worship**

Leader: Jesus, what a terrible false condemnation fell upon you.

**People: Our hearts feel tired and brittle  
when we think of your agony.**

Leader: We offer you our world weariness  
and our personal sadness.

**People: We know you can breathe life into every lifeless place.**

**All: The suffering of the world is met  
by your love and grace.**

**Prayer** Lord Jesus Christ, Lamb of God,  
you took away the sin of the world.  
You did not leave us to our own devices,  
but gave yourself to us on the cross.  
Now we give ourselves to you:  
keep us on the path that leads to justice on earth  
and eternal life in heaven. Amen.

**Hymn**

*To God Be the Glory*

VT #84

**Passing of the Peace**

**Prayer for Offerings**

**Musical Reflection**

**Prayers of the People**

Judy Willems

**Hymn**

*To My Precious Lord*

VT #755, vv.1,2

**Scripture Reading**

Psalm 130 (OT p.573)

**Hymn**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

VT #323

**Scripture Reading**

John 19:1-16a (NT p.113)

**Meditation** "Glimpses of the Invisible" Doug Schulz

**Hymn of Response** *Christ Has No Body Here but Ours* VT #568

**Benediction** Doug Schulz

**Sending Hymn** *Spirit of the Living God* VT #740

**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]

*Coffee Time after the service in the Church Hall*

Chris Sawatzky and Lacey Wilmott will be sharing some of their experiences from their recent time in Israel/Palestine.

### **GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Attendance** ~ Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup> – 34

**Pastor Darrell and Anna** are on vacation, visiting family in Scotland, from March 19<sup>th</sup> through March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Palm Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>** ~ Speaker: David Brubacher  
Scripture Readings: Psalm 24; John 12:12-27

**Annual Meeting** ~ After the Worship Service on **Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** in the Church Hall.

**Women's Chorus** ~ Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup> at  
9:30 am



**Good Friday Service**, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30  
a.m. with Communion.  
Coffee and Hot Cross Buns following.

**Easter Sunday Service**, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.  
with Paska & Coffee



**Grace Telephone Directory** ~ The 2026 edition will be coming out in spring. Please let Ester in the office know of any changes.

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

**Seasons Chorale “This is Love”** Easter Concert will be held at Bethany Mennonite Church **today March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 p.m.** Handbell Choir will play a prelude at 2:45. All are welcome!



Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations.

This week we hold **Crosshill Mennonite Church** in prayer. Norm Dyck provides pastoral leadership for this congregation. Pray for this rural congregation as they care for each other, their neighbours and their communities.

### **Pleasant Manor Spring Bake Sale and Tea Room is coming!**

Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> 10-11:30 a.m.

Signage will tell you where to park and enter the new facility.

Women’s Auxiliary would appreciate any donations of food baking, jams, sauces and preserves for this fundraising event.

Please bring you baked goods and items Friday March 27<sup>th</sup> between 6-8 pm. Thanks so much and hope to see you there!

All are welcome to attend the Niagara screening of the documentary film: ***The Russlaender Migration: From Revolution to Reflection***, on Saturday, **April 18, 2026**, at 3:00 pm at the Linwell Church, 335 Linwell Road, St. Catharines. Join the Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario for this documentary marking 100 years since this migration and the 2023 cross-Canada train tour that commemorated it. Post film discussion led by Henry Paetkau. **Admission by donation.** Further details, a film trailer and registration can be found at [mhso.org](http://mhso.org).

We are excited to be celebrating 90 Years of Worship at **Vineland United Mennonite Church in 2026!**

We will be having a celebration service and lunch on **April 19** with Doug Klassen as our guest speaker. Doug grew up at VUMC and is now the Executive Minister for Mennonite Church Canada. We welcome those who wish to celebrate with us. The service will begin at 10:30 followed by lunch in the church gym. If you wish to stay for lunch please RSVP by April 7th by email to

[vinelandumchurch@gmail.com](mailto:vinelandumchurch@gmail.com) or by calling the church office at 905-562-4422.

**Silver Lake Mennonite Camp ~ The 65th Campfire Concert & Dinner:** On **May 9**, join us at Breslau Mennonite Church for a special 65th anniversary celebration featuring an evening of music, skits, stories, dinner & friends!

Visit [slmc.ca/65th](http://slmc.ca/65th) to purchase tickets.

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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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