



March 26th, 2023 9:30 a.m.

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

Lent 5 ~ Called to life

Prelude Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts Doug Schulz

Lighting the Christ Candle

Lenten Hymn *Lenten Hymn*

*God of all our fear and sorrow, God who lives beyond our death;
hold us close through each tomorrow,
love as near as every breath, love as near as every breath.*

Call to Worship, Prayer

Leader: Out of the depths we cry to you.

People: O lord, hear our cry.

Leader: If you kept a record of sins, who would stand a chance?

People: O Lord, hear our cry.

Leader: But with you there is forgiveness.

**All: We wait for you, O Lord. We hope in your word.
Blessed be your name.**

Hymn *Love divine, all loves excelling* HWB #592

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People Doug Schulz

Hymn *From the depths of sin* HWB #136

Scripture Reading Psalm 130 [OT p.573]

Hymn *I want Jesus to walk with me* HWB #439

Scripture Reading John 11:1-45 [NT p.104]

Meditation "Dying Like a Christian" Kevin Block

Grace Singers *Lord of Our Life*

Benediction (Congregation please stand) Doug Schulz

Sending Hymn *In the rifted Rock I'm resting* HWB #526, vv.1,3

***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]

Coffee Time after the Service today

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday March 19th, 2023

Attendance – 44 Budget Offering – \$1,865.00

Sunday, April 2nd Palm Sunday – Worship Service [9:30 a.m.]

Speaker: Laur Steven

Scripture Texts (Focus texts highlighted): Isaiah 50:4-9a;

Psalms 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 21:1-11;

Psalms 118: 1-2, 19-2; Matthew 21: 1-11

♥ Pastoral Care Team (Grace Friends)

Some of our Grace MC Family are not able to attend our Sunday services but welcome prayers, phone calls, cards, and visits. Their contact information is in the Church Directory. These friends include (but are not limited to): Tom B, John B, Jake B (Ester's father), Peter D, Reg F, Agnes G, Abe H, Francine and Theo I, Erika I, Hertha J, Mary L, Helene M, and Alice T. Have I missed anyone? Let me know. With love from your pastoral care chaplain, Jan Steven.

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

Worship Committee ~ Thursday March 30th, 10 a.m.

♪ **Women's Chorus** ~ Thursday April 6th, 9:30 a.m.

Pastor David Brubacher is speaking at Vineland United Mennonite Church this morning.

A Journey  *through Lent*

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 **Wellesley Mennonite Church**. 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

Please remember that we plan to empty the MCC coin jug after service on April 2nd. Our coins will be counted, rolled and forwarded to MCC to help with its current relief projects. We are so fortunate that a nickel or dime doesn't mean too much, but put them all together in the hands of MCC and they can make quite an improvement in the lives of those less fortunate than us. Bring your coins to Grace with you and make some noise as you drop them in the MCC jug. You, for a few moments, became a member of the MCC team. Thank you from MCC and the needy. Grace may not be a large congregation, but you are recognized as faithful MCC supporters. Thank you. Ted Stephen



A Moment for MCC: A New Resource Kit for Vulnerable Girls and Women

Mennonite Central Committee's (MCC) newest resource kit will support vulnerable women and girls with dignity. The new dignity kit contains hygiene and sanitary items tailored for women and girls who don't have ready access to the items they need.

The first shipments of MCC dignity kits have already been sent to partners in South Sudan and Ukraine. Two shipments have been delivered to Loreto Rumbek School, an all-girls school in Rumbek, South Sudan. Nearly 1,600 kits have given students like Martha Akol safe and reusable hygiene options.

Akol dreams about becoming a gynecologist. She wants to teach other women about feminine hygiene and safely deliver children into new lives. She says her dignity kit has further inspired her to work toward that goal and allows her to study with peace.

For the cost of around \$31, an MCC dignity kit contains a variety of necessary items packed in a two-gallon pail with a lid.



Do you want peace in Ukraine? As a Christian in a historic “peace church” do you feel the urgency to *do something*? Are you nevertheless feeling powerless? **Grace Mennonite Church in St. Catharines (677 Niagara Street)** invites you to join other Niagara historic peace churches—UM, MB, BIC, and Quaker—on **Saturday May 6th at 2:00 p.m.** in the church hall to hear a catalyst **talk from Ernie Regehr**, Co-Founder and former Executive Director of Project Ploughshares, Officer of the Order of Canada, Pearson Peace Medal laureate, and Research Fellow at the Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies at Conrad Grebel University College. The topic will be **“War in Ukraine: When Peace Cannot be Won on the Battlefield.”** Focused discussion to follow. Bring a friend!

Mark your calendars! On Friday, April 7, at 3:00 p.m., a special **Good Friday Choral Concert, "Celebrating the Extravagant Love of God"** will be hosted at **Bethany Mennonite Church, 572 East & West Line**, featuring the Seasons Chorale, under the direction of Bert Warkentin, with choir members from many of our community churches. A prelude by the Handbell Choir will begin at 2:45 p.m. All are welcome. (There will be an opportunity to make a free will offering to support our local food banks. Donations of non-perishable groceries are also welcomed.)

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