



March 5th, 2023 9:30 a.m.

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

Lent 2 ~ Shaped by New Birth

Prelude Ester Funk

Gathering Thoughts Laur Steven

Lighting the Christ Candle

Lenten Hymn *Lenten Hymn* Back of the Bulletin

Call to Worship, Prayer

Leader: Lift your eyes to the hills
– where does your help come from?

**People: Our help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

**All: *Let us worship our God,
who watches over us now and always.***

Hymn *Sing praise to God who reigns above* HWB #59

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People Laur Steven

Hymn *I to the hills will lift my eyes* HWB #169

Scripture Reading Psalm 121 [OT p.571]

Hymn *For God so loved us* HWB #167

Scripture Reading John 3:1-17 [NT p.93]

Meditation “Puppets, Pondering, and Philip” Jan Steven

Hymn of Response *Spirit of Life* Women’s Chorus

Benediction (Congregation please stand) Jan Steven

Sending Hymn *Breathe on me, breath of God* HWB #356

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 February 26th, 2023

Attendance – 45 Budget Offering – \$3,350.00

Sunday, March 12 – Worship Service [9:30 a.m.]

Speaker: Doug Schulz

Scripture Texts (Focus texts highlighted): **Exodus 17:1-17;**

Psalms 95; Romans 5:1-11; **John 4:5-30, 39-42**

♥ Pastoral Care Team (Grace Friends)

Happy St. Patrick's Day – a little early. After church on Sunday, get your March love note from your Pastoral Care Friends and a gold-covered chocolate from at the end of the rainbow!

Do you or someone you know want a friendly or pastoral-care visit?

Let Jan Steven know at church or at 289-990-4839 or

janscats@gmail.com

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

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

Thursday March 23rd, 9:30 a.m.

♪ **Grace Singers** ~ March 19th, 10:30 a.m.



New Library Books

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| <i>The Bible Tells Me So...Why Defending Scripture has made us unable to read it</i> | Peter Enns |
| <i>The Sin of Certainty: Why God desires our trust more than our "Correct" Beliefs</i> | Peter Enns |
| <i>In the Footsteps of the Savior: Following Jesus through the Holy Land</i> | Max Lucado |
| <i>Help is Here: Find Fresh Strength and Purpose in the Power of the Holy Spirit</i> | Max Lucado |
| <i>Grace Can Lead us Home: A Christian Call to end Homelessness</i> | Kevin Nye |
| <i>The Courtship Plan</i> | Kathleen Fuller |
| <i>Still My Forever</i> | Kim Vogel Sawyer |
| <i>The Story of Love: An Amish Bookstore Novel</i> | Beth Wiseman |

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 North Mennonite Church**. Gordon Allaby, Carmen Brubacher and Kendra Whitfield Ellis provide pastoral leadership for this congregation in North Waterloo. Pray for them as they continue to seek God's direction for their family of faith and for their communities and neighbourhoods.



A Moment for MCC: Your MCC Thrift Shop on Grantham welcomes household donations!

Have you been meaning to clear out household items that you no longer use, but haven't gotten around to it yet? Well, now's the time to do it! Our thrift shop welcomes household donations to keep supplies strong on the sales floor. Pack up some boxes and head over to your local thrift shop today!

Tim Albrecht – the General Manager of (what we used to call) the Christian Benefit Shop – especially welcomes kitchen supplies and home décor.

Laur Steven is the receiver volunteer on Thursday mornings.

He wouldn't want to be without a job to do. 😊

Lenten Hymn

*From the dawning of creation,
you have loved us as your own;
stay with us through all temptation,
make us turn to you alone,
make us turn to you alone.*

*In our call to be a blessing,
may we be a blessing true;
may we live and die confessing
Christ as Lord of all we do,
Christ as Lord of all we do.*

A Journey  Through Lent

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