



March 8th, 2026 9:30 a.m.

Lent 3

Jesus, who are you really...now?

Prelude

Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts

Jan Steven

Lighting the Christ Candle



Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus, we are hesitant sometimes,
and sometimes confident.

People: We want to follow but are not always sure how.

Leader: At times, our hopes are high and our dreams are bright.

**People: But our spirits feel crushed
when wrong wins over right.**

All: We come here today seeking courage, truth 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 *Here on Christ the Rock I Will Stand* VT #159, vv.1,2

Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Offerings

Grace Singers *Lord, Hear Our Prayer*

Prayers of the People

Jan Steven

Hymn *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd* VT #432

Scripture Reading Psalm 34:1-14 (OT p.508)

Hymn *Seeking Warmth from Charcoal Blazing* VT #344, vv.1,2

Scripture Reading	John 18:12-27 (NT p.112)	
Meditation	"Fight, Flight or ??"	Darrell Winger
Hymn of Response	<i>Don't Be Afraid</i>	VT #596
Benediction		Darrell Winger
Sending Hymn	<i>Will You Come and Follow Me</i>	VT #540
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

Bible Study, today in the 'Practical Christianity Series' will be the last for this season. The text will be 1 Timothy, Chapter Six.

This will be a wrap-up of the Pastoral Epistles.

Kevin McCabe, Facilitator

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance ~ Sunday March 1st – 46

Sunday March 15th ~ Speaker: Mac Plunkett
Scripture Readings: Mark 12:13-17; John 18:28-40

Coffee Time ~ March 22nd



Preaching Team ~ March 11th, 10 am

Women's Chorus ~ Thursdays March 12th, March 26th at 9:30 am

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

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

Easter Sunday Service, April 5th, 9:30 a.m. with Paska & Coffee



Pastor Darrell and Anna will be on vacation, visiting family in Scotland, from March 19th through March 30th. If a significant pastoral care need should arise in Darrell's absence, please contact Ester Funk (905-932-0479).

Are you interested in being the Grace MCC Rep? Then read on:



MCC Rep (Mennonite Central Committee) Job Description:

- Represent MCC as a resource for Grace
- Attend yearly Ontario MCC Conference (in the fall) if possible, and encourage others to attend
- Connect with MCC to receive email mailings of events, and news of world crises
- Occasionally submit bulletin announcements re MCC (approx. once a month)

If interested, then contact Laur Steven, Council Chair, at laursteven53@gmail.com, 289-990-4839 or at church.

From Community Chaplain, Jan Steven

To warm the cockles of your heart and the feet of injured Ukrainian soldiers. A note from Glenda at Niagara Warehouse of Hope...

“The warm socks for men [donated by Value Village] will be shipped to Ukraine. The Not Just Tourists contact for Ukraine was in this morning and said they are in need of socks and jogging pants for the soldiers coming out of hospitals as they have no street clothes.”

If you have warm socks and jogging pants to donate, let Jan Steven know. She'll gladly bring them to Niagara Warehouse of Hope.

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD

Youth Worker Employment Opportunity - Linwell Church, a vibrant faith community in the north end of St. Catharines, offers a variety of programs for children and youth from our church and community. We are seeking an enthusiastic Christian adult to serve as a part-time Youth Worker with responsibilities for planning and program delivery in 2026/2027 with flexible hours, start and end dates. Learn more by emailing linwellchurch@gmail.com.

Seasons Chorale “This is Love” Easter Concert will be held at Bethany Mennonite Church on March 22nd 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 pray for **Community Mennonite Church** in Stouffville, ON in prayer. Pray for this vibrant congregation as they continue discerning what it means to “be church” in many different ways. May God guide their ministry, nurture their creativity, and sustain their life together.

We pray for our world today, especially for all who are living through violence and fear in the Middle East, Ukraine, Myanmar, Israel/Palestine and so many more places across God's creation. May God bring protection to the vulnerable, wisdom to leaders and comfort to families facing uncertainty and loss. We pray for healing, courage and a path toward justice and lasting peace for every community caught in conflict. Lord hear our prayers.

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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