



**May 11th, 2025 9:30 a.m.**  
**Anabaptism at 500,1525-2025**

**Prelude** Annie Schulz

**Gathering Thoughts** Darrell Winger  
**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's good news, saying: "Now is the time."

**People: Now is the time?**

Leader: Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom!  
Change our hearts and lives.

**People: Change our hearts and lives?**

Leader: Yes. Repent, and come clean with what you've done wrong and the sin that weighs you down.

**People: And this is great news?**

Leader: God said, "If my people who belong to me will humbly pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land."

**All: Ah, this is good news! God's Kingdom is now. Now is the time to humbly pray, seek God's face, and turn from our wicked ways. Then we will be forgiven and our land will be healed.**

**Prayer**

**Hymn** *For the beauty of the earth* HWB #89 vs 1-4

**Passing of the Peace**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Musical Reflection** *Mercy, Mercy Lord* Women's Chorus

**Prayers of the People** Darrell Winger

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

**Scripture Reading** Revelation 3: 14-22 (NT p.247)

**Hymn** *Jesus calls us to meet him* VT #30  
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<b>Scripture Reading</b>	James 4: 7-10 (NT p.231)	
<b>Meditation</b>	“Walking the Talk”	David Brubacher
<b>Hymn of Response</b>	<i>Move in our midst</i>	HWB #418
<b>Benediction</b>		David Brubacher
<b>Sending</b>	<i>Lead me, Lord</i>	HWB #538

## 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 today  
Come celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Anna & Darrell  
Winger and also the 40<sup>th</sup> birthday of Mac Plunkett*

## **Jesus calls us here to meet him VT #30**

1. Jesus calls us to meet him as, through word and song and prayer, we affirm God's promised presence where Christ's people live and care.  
Praise the God who keeps each; praise the Son who calls us friends; praise the spirit who, among us, to our hopes and fears attends.
2. Jesus calls us to confess him Word of Life and Lord of all, sharer of our flesh and frailness saving all who fail or fall.  
Tell his holy human story; tell his tales that all may hear; tell the world that Christ in glory came to earth to meet us here.
3. Jesus calls us to each other: vastly different though we are; Race and colour, class and gender neither limit nor debar.  
Join the hand of friend and stranger;  
join the hands of age and youth; join the faithful and the doubter in their common search for truth.

## **GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday, May 4th ~ Attendance – 54**

Budget offerings in April was \$8,625.00

### **Pastor Darrell on vacation**

Darrell will be on vacation May 12th–19th. If a pastoral care need occurs, please contact Jan Steven or Annie Schulz They will then be able to connect with the appropriate person to follow up for care or assistance.

♪ **Women's Chorus ~ Thursday May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 a.m.**

**Coffee Times ~ May 25<sup>th</sup>, June 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Speaker: Laur Steven**

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 17: 5-8, Luke 22: 39-51

Preaching Team meeting on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am.

May 25<sup>th</sup> ~ We will be participating in Communion.

### **Niagara Area Mennonite Churches Service**

On Sunday, June 1st, we will again be participating in a joint Worship Service for the Mennonite churches in our area. It will be at the Linwell Church (335 Linwell Rd.) at 10:30 am. Speaker is Yoel Masyawong, a Regional Minister with MCEC. Following the service, fellowship and ice cream will be enjoyed. Children's activities and coffee for adults are offered at 9:30 am. There will be no service here at Grace that morning.

### **Calling All Singers for June 1<sup>st</sup> Service at Linwell Church!**

A choir will lead the musical portion of our worship on June 1st. We warmly invite singers from all congregations to join the mass choir! Our rehearsal will take place on Thursday May 29th from 7:00-8:30 pm at Linwell Church. Choir members will only be required to stand for a maximum of two songs at a time. We are looking forward to lifting our voices in worship together, and we hope to see you on Thursday the 29th!

### **Anabaptism at 500 – Our Focus in May**

In 2025, congregations within the Anabaptist/Mennonite movement, are invited to commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary through a Sunday morning series that invites personal and congregational spiritual

renewal. We want to celebrate with a focus on the Anabaptist story in May.

May 18 -Week Three: Renewal through Trust and Yieldedness – Laur Steven

May 25 - Week Four: Renewal at the Lord's Table – Darrell Winger

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



Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**. This week we are praying for Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church. Kim Penner, Glenda Ribey Rozomiak and Brandon Leis provide pastoral leadership for this congregation. Pray for this community who this year continue to celebrate God's presence at and through Stirling in recognition of the 100th anniversary of their building on Stirling Avenue in Kitchener.

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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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