



**May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 9:30 a.m.**

**Turn to Jesus, go with the Spirit**

- Prelude** Ester Funk
- Gathering Thoughts** Jan Steven
- Lighting the Christ Candle**
- Call to Worship, Prayer**  
Leader: We sing to you, O God, sing praises to your name;  
**People: we are jubilant with joy,**  
***All: we exult before you!***  
Leader: The kingdoms of the earth sing praises to you,  
**People: and we too ascribe all power to your name.**  
***All: You are the one who gives strength to your people,***  
***and we bless your name.***
- Hymn** *Rejoice, the Lord is King* HWB #288
- Passing of the Peace**
- Offertory Prayer**
- Musical Reflection**
- Prayers of the People** Jan Steven
- Hymn** *All hail the power of Jesus' name* HWB #285, vv.1,2,4
- Scripture Reading** Psalm 47 [OT p.518]
- Hymn** *Look, you saints* HWB #286
- Scripture Reading** Acts 1:1-11 [NT p. 118]
- Meditation** "Ups and Downs of the Ascension" Laur Steven
- Hymn of Response** *Although Our Lord Has Left Us*  
Grace Singers
- Benediction** (Congregation please stand) Laur Steven
- Sending Hymn** *Lord, I lift Your Name on High*  
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- 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 May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 ~ Attendance – 55**

**Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> – Speaker: David Brubacher**

**Scripture Texts (Focus texts highlighted): Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;  
Acts 2:1-21; John 14:15-17, 25-27; John 20:19-23**

***Pentecost Service with Communion***

***Coffee Time following the service***

### **♥ Pastoral Care Team (Grace Friends)**

Let us continue to keep in touch with church friends who are not able to attend our Sunday services but welcome prayers, phone calls, cards, and visits. Their contact information is in our Church Directory. These friends include (but are not limited to): Tom B, John B, Jake B (Ester's father), 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.

### **Prayer Concerns**

Please hold Hertha Janzen, Theo & Francine Illunga and Deborah & Harry Nickerson in your prayers.

**♪ Women's Chorus ~ Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.  
Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.**

**Grace Telephone Directory ~** A new directory will be coming out shortly. Please notify the office by May 25<sup>th</sup> of any changes to your information.

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



### **New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale ~ May 26-27**

At the New Hamburg Fairgrounds & Arena Join the fun and support MCC at the 57<sup>th</sup> annual New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale. Come along and bid on some quilts, furniture or even a tractor! Join us for the Voices Together Community Hymn Sing, buy a pie and enjoy some good old-fashioned Mennonite food. More info can be found at [mcc.ca/events](http://mcc.ca/events).



**United Mennonite Home** is excited to welcome back its Annual Spring Bazaar! Join us on Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10am-12:30pm at 4024 Twenty-Third St. Vineland. Festivities consist of a Bake Sale, Penny Sale, Raffle, Silent Auction, BBQ, and Entertainment. Raffle prizes include a Handmade Quilt, Webber Travel BBQ, and a \$150 Shaw Festival Gift Certificate. Advanced ticket sales are available weekday afternoons at the UMH volunteer reception desk. For more information, please contact Jodi Thompson – Programs Manager at (905) 562-7385 ext. 5004 or [jthompson@umh.ca](mailto:jthompson@umh.ca).

### **St. Catharines United Mennonite Church German Worship Ministry Celebration and Conclusion of 78 years**

is Sunday, June 4, at 9:15 am. Come and enjoy a video depicting the very beginning of the German Worship services as far back as 1947, poems, and a choir program. All are welcome!



### **From Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC)**

\*Each week we pray for a faith community within the MCEC of congregations. This week we pray for **Avon Church**. Troy Watson and Stephen Kennedy provide pastoral care for this congregation. Please pray for them as they seek to make a difference in their community and the world.

\*Continue to **pray for places throughout our world where the people cry out for peace**. Lord, hear our prayers.



## **A Moment for MCC – MCC partner New Life Charitable Fund assists people with disabilities in Ukraine**

A young woman who has cerebral palsy received a handmade comforter, a relief kit and cans of meat supplies by MCC in Ukraine. MCC partner New Life Charitable Fund assists people with disabilities in Nikopol with MCC humanitarian relief. Some of them are with relatives, but many live alone. They are reluctant to leave their city, but with limited mobility, it is difficult to access underground bomb shelters.

New Life states that the humanitarian assistance from MCC was a joy not only because it filled a need, but because it reminded the recipient that someone remembered them and cared for them.

### **MCC – Relief, development, and peace in the name of Christ!**

Want to get involved? Visit [mcccanada.ca/get-involved/kits](http://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/kits)

### ***Lord I Lift Your Name on High***

*Lord, I lift your name on high,  
Lord I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad you're in my life,  
I'm so glad you came to save us.*

*You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;  
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift your name on High.*

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**Office Hours: 8:30-2:30 ~ Wednesday, Thursday**

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